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Run down to Riverdale

The long weekend conjures up images of cottages, camping and countryside. But Toronto has its own natural getaway. Riverdale Farm, located in the heart of Cabbagetown, offers visitors 7.5 acres of gorgeous hiking paths, thriving pondscapes and a host of friendly farm animals to boot. **LIZ BEDDALL** METRO

Clockwise from top left: Mom Christelle and daughter Anna on one of the farm's many walking trails.

A representation of a 19th-century working farm, some of Riverdale's resident animals include goats, pigs, sheep, pigs, chickens, rabbits and horses.

Despite the park's central location, quiet nooks and pastoral scenes are plentiful, offering visitors a gentle escape from city chaos year-round.

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Explosion of rippling panic

MISSISSAUGA

Mother raced past police, debris to find her daughter

Minutes after the force of a massive explosion pulsed through the neighbourhood, sheaves of paper fluttered between chunks of debris and smoke that filled the sky. Straddling her bicycle, Tanja Nimchuk raced right into it. Her teenage daughter was somewhere in the chaos.

"I don't know how much adrenaline I could have had," 47-year-old Nimchuk recalled on Wednesday, her voice wavering as the memory of the panic rippled back.

"As a mother you'll do whatever you can," she said, describing how she blew past two lines of police tape and ignored orders to stop. "I just flew."

Nimchuk's story was one of dozens passed around the Mississauga neighbourhood where a house exploded at around 4:20 p.m. Tuesday, leaving one woman dead at the blast property, nine people with minor injuries, and at least 25 houses damaged, officials said.

Tanja Nimchuk embraces her daughter Maya, 14, at the spot they were reunited after losing contact after the deadly explosion on Hickory Drive on Tuesday. MARCUS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Peel police Sgt. Josh Colley confirmed to reporters Wednesday afternoon that the deceased woman was found on the property and that a coroner had visited the scene on Hickory Drive south of Rathburn Road. Although there will be an autopsy, Colley added, the ongoing investigation is "not criminal" at this point.

"I just broke down. It's like fate. Somebody looked after me."
Tanja Nimchuk

As of Wednesday evening, police were still trying to get in touch with the family of the owners of the exploded house.

Meanwhile, the Ontario Fire Marshal is leading the probe into the cause of the blast, as officials delicately inspect neighbouring homes and determine the extent of the damage, said supervising fire inspector Jeff Minter.

Asked about the scores of residents still waiting to return to their homes, Minter described how inspectors are working from the perimeter of the blast zone in toward the source of the explosion. He expected some people who weren't allowed to return Wednesday to be able to do so this morning.

On Tuesday afternoon, the mother of three girls dropped her 14-year-old daughter Maya off at her friend's house on Hickory Drive. The home, which she said has large windows, was directly across the street from where the explosion occurred.

Nimchuk said she cycled as close as she could toward Maya before she was forced to stop, and then, in the chaos, spotted her daughter and her friend.

"I just broke down," she said, describing how she clutched their bodies in relief. "It's like fate ... somebody looked after me." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"It's far too early right now to speculate on what the cause is."
Tim Beckett, Mississauga Fire Chief

"I was just so delighted on how the community pulled together and welcomed each other."
Mayor Bonnie Crombie

"I thought it was an earthquake. It was scary."
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Laura Hartley chants "Let's Get Critical, Pride is Political" during the fifth annual Night March on Monday. The march is held at night because that is when many community members are assaulted. ANDREW LAHODYNSKYJ/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'I feel like I'm in an ad'

LGBTQ COMMUNITY

March protests corporate sponsorship of Pride Toronto

Members and allies of the LGBTQ community irked by Pride Toronto's corporate sponsorships rallied this week for a separate march of their own.

"I feel like I'm in an ad (at the Toronto Pride parade)," Kat Dearham said before setting off on the fifth annual Night March on Monday at Church St. and Alexander St.

The walk was coordinated by volunteers from grassroots organizations such as Queer Ontario and 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations.

About 150 people chanted in unison, with mottos like "Let's get critical, Pride is political!" They stopped at the intersection of Yonge and Dundas St., blocking traffic for a collective "moment of rage," as coined by an organizer bellowing from a megaphone.

The megaphone was passed around so anyone could take a turn to describe why they felt Pride ought to be politicized.

There were many vocal critiques of Pride Toronto, chief among them the corporate overtone the organization's events have taken on in recent years.

This year, Pride Toronto lists 29 sponsors on its website, including TD Canada Trust, Molson Canadian, Palm Bay Beverages, Trojan Brand Condoms and Viagra. The Toronto Star is also a media sponsor.

Aaron GlynnWilliams, co-chair for Pride Toronto's board of directors, said the organization aims for long-time partners such as TD Bank, which has stuck around for 12 years, rather than one-time sponsors.

Pride Toronto doesn't shy away from allowing political statements either, he said, pointing to the inclusion of Black Lives Matter activists as this year's honourary Pride group.

> **It shows we've got a really engaged community that's always keeping us honest.**
> Aaron GlynnWilliams, on the protest

GlynnWilliams said that the bigger the festival becomes, the better chance it has of giving a strong platform to a wide variety of marginalized voices.

"There's not one year where we don't have this discussion, where I'm not speaking to a reporter with these types of questions, and I think it's important. It shows we've got a really engaged community that's always keeping us honest," he said.

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SCARBOROUGH

Beach trail dispute divides city council

Steven Goetz
For Metro | Toronto

A dispute over a proposed trail along the Scarborough shoreline is threatening to divide the east end community.

The planned Scarborough Waterfront Project promises a continuous trail along Lake Ontario from Bluffer's Park in the west to East Point Park in the east.

For the relatively inaccessible eastern section, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is considering a number of options. One would run a trail supported by a retaining wall along the narrow shoreline; the other would send visitors up the bluffs to preserve the sandy beach below.

Jennifer Falvy, a photographer who has documented the park's natural landscape and wildlife, is worried the environmental impact of a trail along the beach will be devastating.

"The idea is to create public access, but paving up to half of the sand beach with a trail will destroy the feature the area is recognized for," Falvy told Metro.

> **Paving up to half of the sand beach with a trail will destroy what the area is recognized for.**
> Jennifer Falvy

The area is populated by the threatened bank swallow, which feeds on insects that live in the sand beaches, she said.

But Ward 44 Coun. Ron Moeser wants easier access to the water's edge. His office sent a flyer to local residents urging them to support a shoreline path at a public meeting held Tuesday.

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Fugitive capybaras soon to be reunited

ANIMALS

Both rodents now back in custody of High Park Zoo

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's animal fugitives could be reunited as early as Thursday, says the city's chief capybara spokesperson.

After more than a month on the lamb, the second missing capybara was trapped and returned safely to the High Park Zoo Tuesday. Its counterpart was captured June 12.

For now the pair is being held inside the zoo separately while they "get acclimatized," said city spokeswoman Megan Price, who called their reunion more of an art than a science.

"They'll be introduced to each other just to see how they do," she said.

"It's sort of like when you get a new cat and you're introducing your cat to your existing cat. You don't just kind of let him have at her."

They may have been dubbed the animal version of Bonnie and Clyde, but Price said the capybaras were likely flying solo after their joint escape on May 24.

"They were never spotted together and they were trapped in two different areas of the park," she said.

The vet has given a clean bill of health to both of the escapees.

An informal investigation into how they escaped in the first place has already started, Price said, and staff will be looking into it more now that things have calmed down.

"At this point it doesn't look like any policies or procedures were breached," she said.

Chewy the capybara enjoys some solitude in his enclosure in the High Park Zoo. Chewy is the male rodent that did not escape last month. Meanwhile, the two former fugitive capybaras are being kept out of public view. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

LEGISLATION

Pet owners search for doggie diners

Something as simple as stopping for a drink on a patio or grabbing an ice cream during a summer stroll is a challenge for dog-lover Carola Rong.

A recent craving resulted in the 25-year-old Toronto medical student asking a stranger to hold her pup while she dashed inside for a treat. It was better than trying to sneak the dog into the shop, which she admits she's done when grabbing a coffee at Starbucks.

"They're not really happy with dogs inside," Rong says after retrieving her two-year-old French bulldog and sitting on an outdoor bench to enjoy her cone.

Rong and other Canadian dog owners are no doubt envious of the pooch-tolerant cultures that exist in many other parts of the world. Many of London's famous pubs allow dogs inside, and in Paris, dogs routinely visit cafes, bakeries and even fine dining eateries sans problème.

Closer to home, new rules were recently enacted in New York City allowing bars and restaurants to legally welcome doggy diners onto their patios.

In Toronto, it's a provincial law that puts Rong and other urban pet owners on a constant search for eateries with outdoor spaces enclosed by leash-friendly railings, so they can park their pal on the other side of a fence while they imbibe on a patio.

It's rare to find an establishment that has figured a way around the regulation — like the William's Fresh Cafe near the waterfront, which only serves takeout but is adjacent to the Purina PawsWay museum, which has a pet-friendly seating area.

Of course, having dogs on a patio is not for everyone.

Dog-owner Corrine Luxon, 28, says she'd never bring her German shepherd border collie mix to a patio, fearing the dog would try to befriend other patrons or even steal their food.

And she suspects some ardent pet-lovers would be tempted to interpret a lifted ban too liberally.

"How far are people going to go, are they going to hold the dog at the table?" asks Luxon, a Toronto dog-walker and dog-sitter.

"I feel like some people humanize their dogs a bit too much and then they'll maybe put it in a seat beside them. It's just kind of unhygienic."

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From left: Gareth and Dayna Callaway, sponsors of Syrian refugees Ahmad-Nour, Tamador, Mohammad, Zainab and BoDour. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

'Way more similarities than

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Before coming to Canada, the only thing nine-year-old Ahmad-Nour knew about the country was that it was home to the CN Tower, something very tall he'd once seen a picture of in a Turkish refugee camp.

Now, less than six months later, surrounded by his family and their sponsors, he's reaching for a marker to draw it, writing his name proudly at the bottom of the page in the English alphabet he's just started to learn.

Ahmad-Nour, his four siblings and mother Tamador have been living with their host family Gareth and Dayna Callaway and their six children under one roof in Markham since they arrived and will soon move into their own townhouse nearby.

It's clear they're more like one big family now, talking over each other and cracking jokes — a big change from when they first arrived and both families were on their best behaviour.

"I knew I was coming into a safe haven," said Tamador.

"They showed so many good intentions that I trust them a lot, and the bonding now is love."

The couple decided to sponsor a Syrian family after the Paris attacks to make something good out of something horrible but admit they didn't know much about the country or culture.

"I knew the capital was Damascus; I'd had some experience dealing with the Arab world in business," said Gareth.

"Everything changed when they arrived."

Tamador wipes away tears as she starts to speak about what Gareth has meant to her sons, becoming a father figure she never expected in her new country.

She believes her own husband was kidnapped and later killed by members of Daesh back in Syria.

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The number of Syrians who've arrived in Canada since Nov. 4, 2015. Of these, 15,835 were government-assisted, 10,138 were privately sponsored and 2,667 came through the blended visa program.

Watching her boys play with Gareth — he's been teaching them rugby — have been some of her happiest moments in her new country.

"I feel that they are the mother and father even for me," she said of her sponsors.

The Callaways said they are also learning every day from their guests.

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FROM TRAUMA TO JOY

Finding a safe haven

Gilbert Ngabo
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From Aleppo to Markham with a stint in a Turkish refugee camp in-between, it's been a roller-coaster of a journey for Tamador and her family. The 36-year-old mother of five decided to flee the increasingly dangerous Syrian city in 2013, after losing her husband — whom she believes was kidnapped and eventually killed by Daesh.

1. Arrival
On Dec. 14, 2015, their sponsors, Gareth and Dayna Callaway, welcomed the family at Pearson Airport, paving the way for a totally new life in Toronto. Not only would they have to learn a new language, they'd also have to adapt to new living conditions.

2. Snowfall
A week after their arrival, 11-year-old Mohammad and his nine-year-old brother Ahmad-Nour played in snow for the first time in their lives. On Jan. 17, young BoDour shed tears of joy when she was presented with a cake and a yoga mat for her 13th birthday.

The same month saw all five children enroll at Unionville Public School. Tamador started ESL classes and found a job at a local grocery store.

3. Home life
After living with the Callaways for over six months, the Syrian family has found a home of their own close by in Markham. They'll be moving in the first weekend in July.

4. Reunion
On Jan. 22 and May 25, Tamador returned to Pearson to welcome her siblings and their families as they arrived in Canada as refugees. She still has one sister still in Syria, and four more siblings in a refugee camp in Turkey.

differences'

"yalla," their favourite Arabic word. It roughly translates to "hurry up" or "let's go" — extremely useful in a busy house of 14 people.

They're also realizing they have much more in common with their guests than they ever would have thought.

"There are way more similarities than differences," said Dayna, adding the biggest one is "love of family."

Tamador and her children are reluctant to say anything bad about Canada, because they don't want to seem ungrateful, explains the interpreter, who quickly bonds with the family and tells them they will be accepted here as Muslims, just as she has been.

When pressed, Ahmad-Nour whispers in his mother's ear he doesn't like taking out the garbage.

The Syrians — especially the young girls — are still shy with their English, but they understand and speak more than they let on.

Already the kids are starting to dream again. Thirteen-year-old BoDour wants to be a teacher, Ahmad-Nour a photographer, 11-year-old Mohammad a pilot.

"He doesn't drive a car and he wants to drive a plane now," said his mom with a mischievous smile.

Now, with so much hardship finally behind them, Tamador has hope that her children's dreams will become a reality.

"This is the most amazing thing that Canada offers us," she said.

Nine-year-old Ahmad-Nour sketches the CN Tower, a building he first saw in a picture in a Turkish refugee camp. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As thousands of Syrian refugees continue to establish their lives in Toronto, local settlement programs and community organizations are asking for the public's support. COSTI Immigrant Services has a list of community groups where people can donate food, furniture and more. Lifeline Syria offers guidance to those interested in becoming private sponsors for refugees still stranded in camps across Europe.

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Refugees bond over soccer

BUILDING ROOTS

Local realtor forms team to welcome newcomers

Gilbert Ngabo
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Members of the Syrian Eagles, a new soccer team in Toronto made up of Syrian refugees. CONTRIBUTED

Syrian refugees in Toronto are bonding over a shared love of the beautiful game.

The Syrian Eagles are the newest arrival to Toronto's soccer scene. The team is made up of 21 Syrian refugees, some of whom have been in the city for less than five months.

Naveen Faress helped start the team after realizing older refugees would have more difficulty adjusting to life in Canada than younger ones. She figured an outlet for sport could help them feel at home.

"I come from Egypt and I know the importance of soccer in people's lives," said Faress, whose family moved to Toronto in 1987 when she was only four years old. Now a real estate agent, forming a soccer team was her own way of welcoming Syrian refugees to the city.

"I thought it would be something that brings good memories for them, and break them out of that cycle of depression or anxiety from bad experiences," she said.

There's a lot of talent on the team, but the point of the Syrian Eagles is more social. Every weekend the team meets at the Eglinton Flats pitch for practice and games, but Faress says the emphasis is on building connections.

> **They get to talk about what they want to achieve in life.**
> Naveen Faress

"They get to talk about what they want to achieve in life," said Faress. "It's about building their confidence and breaking any cultural barriers."

The Syrian Eagles are an affiliate of the Toronto Muslim Soccer League. Once Ramadan is completed, the team will start competing in the league.

Coach Abdou Mousli, 25, said more Syrians want to join.

"Maybe next year we should start a second team," he said.

RESOURCES

Making it easier to find a home

It's been dubbed the Airbnb for refugees, and it's coming here.

Roofs for Refugees, an online platform connecting refugees to landlords with affordable housing, is rolling into the GTA this week.

"One of the largest barriers is that refugees don't have any credit history in the country," said the group's Toronto co-ordinator Yusra Uzair.

The non-profit invites people with affordable or free, shared or private housing to register. Volunteers do the screening and matching.

Roofs for Refugees is an offshoot of Refugee Welcome International, which started last year in Europe. The group launched last January in Ottawa.

Housing for refugees is a lot harder in Toronto where the market is already saturated, said Claude Hould, chair of Rosedale Refugee Support Program .

"When a place is advertised, sometimes it is already gone," he said, noting groups such as Roofs for Refugees could help speed up the process of finding housing.

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Ontario Ombudsman Paul Dubé speaks to the media at Queen's Park about the release of a new report on police use of force in the province. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police training blamed for deaths

OMBUDSMAN

Sammy Yatim's father says his son could have survived

Nabil Yatim believes that if police officers in Ontario received more training on how to use words instead of weapons, his son Sammy would be alive today.

"I'm almost positive he would be," Sammy Yatim's father, Nabil Yatim, told reporters at Queen's Park Wednesday, following the release of a much-anticipated investigation by Ontario's ombudsman into how the provincial government trains and directs police on use of force.

Sammy Yatim's high-profile death in July 2013 at the hands of Toronto police Const. James Forcillo prompted ombudsman Paul Dubé's investigation. Since Yatim's death, 19 more people have been shot dead by police in Ontario. In many cases, they were people in crisis, Dubé writes in his report.

In a biting indictment of police training, Dubé's report concludes that people in crisis are dying at the hands of police not because officers aren't following their training. "It's because they are."

His 90-page report makes 22 recommendations, ranging from ramping up training to calling on the province to create a regulation requiring police to use de-escalation techniques in all possible conflict situations — before resorting to force. The report calls for that regulation to be in place by this time next year.

"The issue of how police are trained to handle situations of conflict with people in crisis is not a matter of academic debate. It is literally a matter of life and death, and one that has been neglected in this province for too long," Dubé said at a news conference.

Dubé, who officially took over from former ombudsman André Marin in April, said the need to improve police training is "urgent."

Among the probe's most troubling findings was that constables get far less basic training in Ontario than anywhere else in Canada — just 12 weeks at the Ontario Police College, compared with 24 weeks for new RCMP recruits.

More importantly, the kind of training officers receive at the college needs to change, Dubé found.

"The majority of their training focuses on exerting authority and establishing control over armed or hostile subjects, principally by drawing their weapons and yelling commands," he writes in the report.

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HIGHWAY 400 CRASH

Family seek Good Samaritan

The Vokshi family, who lost three members Friday in a massive highway crash, might have lost another were it not for a Good Samaritan, the family's lawyers said Wednesday.

Isabela Kuci, 5, her mother, Valbona Vokshi, 35, and grandmother Xhemile, 55, died in the 11-vehicle pile-up on Highway 400, south of Finch Avenue, on their way back from Canada's Wonderland.

A fourth person, identified by her friends as 27-year-old Maria Lipska, was also killed.

Valbona's sister Blerta was injured in the crash. Her two-year-old son, Aron, was stuck in a car seat and saved by an unknown Good Samaritan, said lawyer Sandra Zisckind.

Ramiz Vokshi, left, and his son-in-law **Albert Sufa** at a news conference.
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"If anyone knows who this person is, the family would like to thank her personally because it is likely she saved Aron's life," she said.

Aron suffered a few knocks but was "relatively unscathed."

A family friend, Katerina Seitaj, later said there were, in fact, two people who helped the family after the crash, and that a young man pulled Aron out of the car.

Aron's father, Albert Sufa, and Xhemile's husband, Ramiz Vokshi, attended the news conference but didn't speak.

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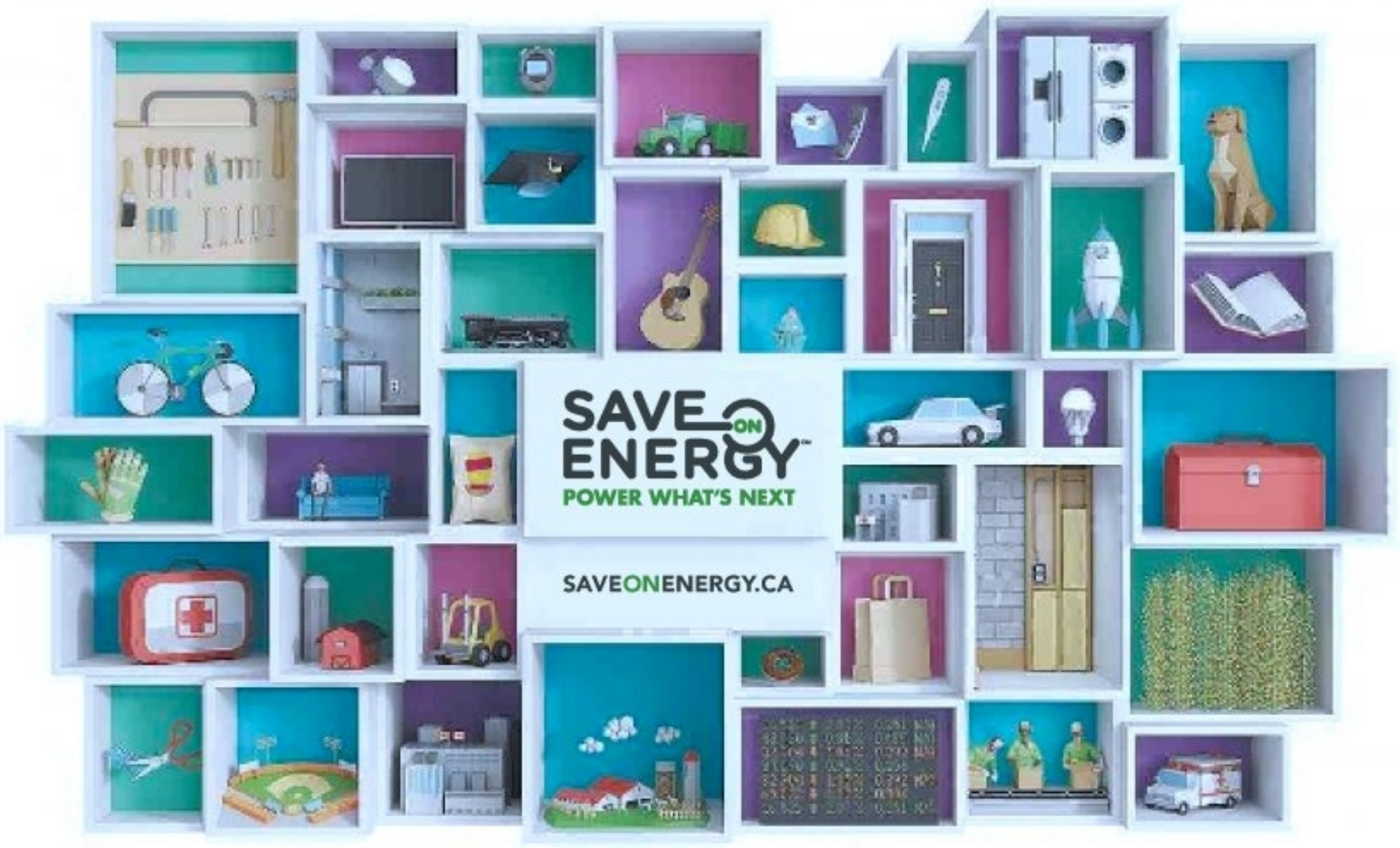

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Sunlight streams through the leaves of a tree in Toronto's Riverdale Park. A new study suggests urban light pollution could be to blame for city trees budding earlier than their rural counterparts.
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Lights go on, leaves come out

ARTIFICIAL NATURE

Study finds link between urban light and early budding trees

Genna Buck
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A new study is shedding light on why one of the most anticipated signs of spring, budding trees, shows up earlier in urban areas.

It seems bright city lights are jolting trees out of their winter slumber too early — and there's good reason to believe it's happening in Toronto, too.

From 1999 to 2011, citizen scientists around the U.K. recorded when four species of trees' buds first opened in their neighbourhoods. Their data was compared with satellite images of nighttime light pollution taken in the same area.

The results, published Tuesday in a science journal, were illuminating: In brighter areas, trees budded an average of 7.5 days earlier in the spring.

"This is a fascinating finding. It's probably happening here too," said York University urban ecology professor Dawn Bazely.

Bazely said the "double whammy" of light pollution and warming climate could be messing with external signals — changes to temperature and the length of daylight — that tell trees when it's time to start complex chemical processes like spring budding or changing colours in the fall.

Bazely said she's not aware of any similar data available for Ontario. But her fieldwork shows plants have been "absolutely" blooming earlier in spring on average in Toronto for the past 25 years.

As a result, we could start seeing more incidents similar to what happened to the quince shrubs on York's campus, Bazely explained. During a midwinter warm spell, they got confused and put out the first blossoms of spring — which promptly froze and fell off when the city returned to typical temperatures.

Those kinds of wild fluctuations in the growing season could also spell trouble for critters that have adapted to expect flowers or fruits at a certain time.

"It's a problem ... because birds and insects are adapted to a particular kind of seasonality," Bazely said. "It's going to have knock-on effects on everything else."

ENTERPRISE

Goodwill back, but not for all

Just five months after Goodwill Industries of Toronto, Eastern, Central and Northern Ontario filed for bankruptcy, shutting down 28 facilities, Goodwill Ontario Great Lakes has announced its plan to bring the thrift-shop social enterprise back to the city.

After receiving approval from Goodwill International, Goodwill Ontario Great Lakes CEO Michelle Quintyn said plans have been initiated to bring back 600 jobs to the Toronto area through various Goodwill establishments.

80%

The estimated percentage of the 400 former Goodwill employees who are still out of work after losing their jobs.

The expansion will be a "fresh start" for Goodwill, Quintyn said, and will not involve any of the infrastructure or management structure of the former operation in Toronto.

But this announcement won't bring relief to the more than 400 employees who were thrown out of work in January, many of whom were owed thousands of dollars by the bankrupt chapter, according to Goodwill's bankruptcy documents. "It was traumatic," Moe Rutherford, former union business representative for Goodwill TECNO, said of the closure.

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6 WAYS TO CELEBRATE CANADA DAY IN THE 6IX

There are far more than 149 ways to celebrate Canada's 149th birthday in Toronto this long weekend. Fortunately, Metro has you covered with a few suggestions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 Pride Parade

Where? Yonge Street

When? 2 p.m., Sunday

The big show starts Sunday at 2 p.m. at Church and Bloor streets, and travels down Yonge to Dundas Street. The Trans Pride march and the Dyke March take place Friday and Saturday, respectively.

2 City Celebration

Where? Mel Lastman Square (5100 Yonge St.)

When? 5 p.m. Friday

The city's official Canada Day festivities promise a diversity of family-friendly entertainment. Two funk bands will take to the stage, along with a First Nations hoop dancer and Sudanese rapper Emmanuel Jal. The evening culminates in a fireworks display at 10:15 p.m.

3 Olympic Team Beach Party

Where? Woodbine Beach

When? 4 p.m. Friday

The mercury is expected to hit at least 24 C Friday, so why not hit the beach with some of Canada's Rio-bound athletes. There will be beach volleyball and other sport demonstrations, autograph signings and a performance by CanCon rockers Sloan.

4 Ribfest

Where? Centennial Park in Etobicoke

When? Friday to Sunday, starting at 11 a.m.

A July long weekend tradition in Toronto, Ribfest returns once again to quench the city's insatiable appetite for meat. The festival has a special Canada Day lineup Friday, complete with fireworks and even a citizenship ceremony, where 40 hungry new Canadians will take the oath.

5 Fort York

Where? Fort York (250 Fort York Blvd.)

When? 10 a.m. Friday

If your ideal Canada Day soundtrack is musket blasts, not fireworks, then spend the holiday at historic Fort York. The event features drills and demonstrations by the Fort's guard, as well as storytelling sessions about the birthplace of urban Toronto.

6 Fireworks!

Where? Ashbridges Bay

When? 9:30 p.m. Friday

There will be fireworks displays across the city Friday, but the one at Ashbridges Bay is always the biggest and brightest. This year promises a "grand finale of pyrotechnic wonders." Get there early if you want a seat.

CHRISTIE PITTS

Repairs close pool

The city's outdoor pools are set to open Thursday, with a notable exception.

Swimmers will have to wait another two weeks to take a dip in the Alex Duff Memorial pool in Christie Pitts while the city repairs cracks found after it replaced a disintegrating liner at the popular swimming hole last summer.

Last July, swimmers at Alex Duff reported transparent plastic clinging to their bodies and collecting on the pool's deck. The pool was drained and a sealant applied as a short term fix. It was reported at the time that the chemical composition of the liner was unknown, raising public health concerns.

City staff told Metro they found additional issues after removing the old liner, forcing them to make more permanent improvements before opening for the season.

The lap pool is scheduled to reopen July 11 and the dive pool later in the summer.

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Awaking the Draken

A replica of a Viking dragon ship is in town this weekend for the Redpath Waterfront Festival, as proof that Leif Ericsson could have reached the New World.

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Construction on Draken (Dragon) Harald Harfagre, named for a warrior king of Norway, began in Haugesund in March 2010 and was completed two years later. Billed as the world's largest Viking ship, it is 35 metres long and 8 metres wide. The ship left Haugesund on April 26.

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The journey was a challenge at times, as storms snapped rigging and ripped sails. Crew donned survival suits to endure the ice-cold waves which threatened to swamp the craft.

The captain and crew will spend the summer travelling through the Great Lakes as part of the Tall Ships Challenge. Asked if the Draken can win, Ahlander says, "We are Viking. Of course we're going to win."

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'Dudeplomacy'

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto and U.S. President Barack Obama join Justin Trudeau in Ottawa for the North American Leaders' summit on Wednesday.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau invented a word to describe what happened in Ottawa on Wednesday during the Three Amigos Summit — "dudeplomacy."

Groan worthy as it may be, it's not far from capturing the air of brotherly love between Trudeau, U.S. President Barack Obama and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, as evidenced by an awkward three-way handshake that made headlines across the continent.

The three world leaders got down to business during the historic meeting, the first one Canada has hosted in about a decade. They signed a comprehensive North American climate, clean energy and environment partnership and committed themselves to better protecting the LGBTQ community.

During a joint press conference, each leader denounced the isolationism of Brexit and the "demagoguery" of politicians like Donald Trump, although they were careful not to challenge his candidacy.

But bromance burned brightest at the very end, after Pena Nieto went home, when Obama addressed the House of Commons.

"Thank you for this extraordinary welcome, which tempts me to just shut up and leave because it can't get any better than this," Obama began.

But continue he did, for a full 50 minutes, touching on everything from equal pay for women and climate change to economic justice. When he was finished, the floor erupted into a chorus of "Four more years! Four more years!"

PM Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau laugh with U.S. President Barack Obama. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the wake of Brexit and the rise of Donald Trump, Obama's speech reaffirmed the role that Canada and the United States can play to promote progressive social and economic policies in a globalized society.

Obama cautioned that isolationism is not a solution to economic problems, and he chastised pol-

ENVIRONMENT

North American leaders tout

Monarch butterflies, clean power generation and cleaner cars.

The summit between Canada, Mexico and the United States had yet to formally start Wednesday when the three nations released a statement formally outlining their "climate, clean energy and environment partnership."

At the heart of the pact is a pledge by the three nations to generate 50 per cent of electricity from "clean" sources by 2025.

The three nations outlined a number of initiatives to help meet that continent-wide goal, including reducing waste by aligning 10 appliance efficiency standards by 2019; new cross-border transmission projects; promotion of renewable power projects, and the so-called greening of government operations.

In a joint statement, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, U.S. President Barack Obama and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto said that North America has the "capacity, resources and the moral imperative" to lead on combating climate change.

"Our actions to align climate and energy politics will protect human health and help level the playing field for our businesses, households and workers," the leaders said in their statement.

The deal, announced by the White House earlier this week, would count renewable power, along with nuclear generation and carbon capture and storage

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iticians who take advantage of the public's real concerns about growing inequality and poverty by playing on their xenophobia.

"Even if we wanted to, we can't seal ourselves off from the world," he said.

It wasn't all serious though. Obama thanked Canada for helping to broker negotiations between Cuba and America, and cheekily jabbed at this country's penchant for cheap tropical vacations.

Obama went a off-script toward the end of the joint press conference, choosing to go on a "rant" about the misunderstanding of the word "populism." Peña Nieto and the media had repeatedly referred to Trump's style of leadership and the anti-immigration sentiments of Brexit as populist.

Obama said his electoral victory, based on a platform about improving the lives of workers and lower and middle-class people, proves that "populism" is not a synonym for "cynicism."

"Let's just be clear, somebody who labels us versus them, or engages in rhetoric about how we're going to look out for ourselves and take it to the other guy, that's not the definition of populism. Sorry."

1 The Cool Guys Club — Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto and U.S. President Barack Obama in Ottawa on Wednesday.
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2 The Three Amigos Secret Handshake — They shake hands as they take part in a family photo at the North American Leaders' Summit in Ottawa.
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3 Look at those pearly whites! — The Amigos smile for a photograph in front of Ottawa's Parliament Buildings.

EQUALITY

Talks focus on inclusion

The leaders of North America have called on the international community to "ensure full respect" for LGBTQ people, as Canada and the United States pledge to step up equal rights advocacy at home and abroad.

In a joint statement at the North American Leaders Summit in Ottawa, Canada, the U.S. and Mexico promised solidarity with LGBTQ communities as 2016 Pride celebrations begin across the continent.

"Appalled and saddened by the recent events in Orlando, Canada, Mexico, and the United States call on all members of the international community to ensure full respect for the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and intersex persons," the statement, issued as the leaders' began their meeting, read.

The push comes after the deadliest mass shooting in American history, when a gunman murdered 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando earlier this month.

It also comes as Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto moves forward with legislation to legalize same-sex marriage across his country.

Speaking on the International Day Against Homophobia in May, Peña Nieto said he wants to amend the constitution to allow-same sex marriage nation-wide.

Some jurisdictions in Mexico, including Mexico City, already have equal marriage rights.

The Mexican president has faced criticism on his four-day visit to Canada on his country's human rights record.

Amnesty International has urged Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to raise human rights issues, particularly violence against women, in bilateral talks with Peña Nieto.
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outlines of new climate deal

technologies.

The three leaders, who are meeting Wednesday in Ottawa, say their deal is good for the environment and the economy, and will create thousands of new jobs.

The promise of further collaboration on cross-border transmission projects is likely good news for Canada in that it provides for further opportunities to export hydro power.

The statement confirmed that Mexico would join Canada and the U.S. in seeking to reduce methane gas emissions from the oil-and-gas sector by up to 45 per cent by 2025.

The agreement sketches out other areas where the three countries aspire to make environmental gains. These include the previously announced plan to align standards for fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions for light and heavy duty vehicles.
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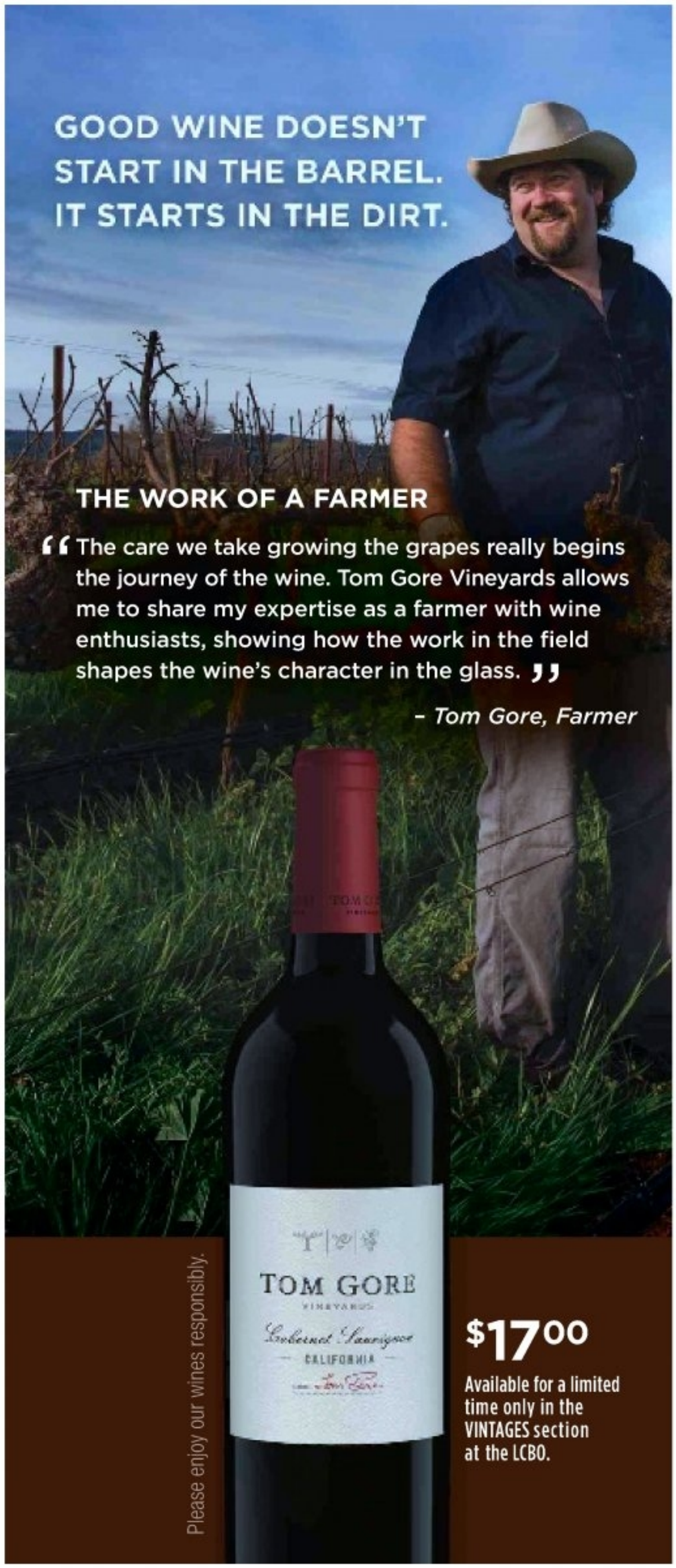
The three North American leaders speak at a press conference. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Canada now ranks second

EQUALITY

Global index gives top marks for education, social progress

Canada ranks second in the world when it comes to meeting the social and environmental needs of its citizens, according to the 2016 Social Progress Index, released Tuesday.

It's an improvement from last year's sixth-place showing, though Canada lags behind when it comes to access to information and environmental quality.

Combining data from sources such as the World Bank, the United Nations and the Gallup World Poll, the index ranks 133 countries on metrics that include obesity rates, traffic deaths, tolerance for immigrants, freedom of religion and access to piped water.

Finland narrowly beat Canada this year to take top spot, with Denmark, Australia and Switzerland rounding out the top five.

Canada did not fare as well on the Social Progress Index with environmental factors, including biodiversity protection, waste treatment, and greenhouse gas emissions. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Michael Green, the executive director of the Social Progress Imperative, which compiles the index, says the top performers show there are many models that lead to social well-being.

"I think that's quite important in showing it's not just one model to get social progress, it's not just the Scandinavian or Nordic model. Other countries, Canada being a great example, have other models," he said.

> **Canada is big and diverse and is still the fifth highest.**
> Michael Green

Canada got top marks for access to advanced education, ranking as No. 1 overall in that category, which weighs factors such as the proportion of people going into advanced education, the quality of the education and gender equity.

"It's a very impressive achievement for Canada around that area," Green said.

Canada also scored well for tolerance and inclusion, ranking fifth overall. The achievement is compounded by the country's diversity and sets an example the rest of the world can learn from, Green said.

"Some countries can get a high score because they are fairly homogenous. Canada is big and diverse and is still the fifth highest," he said. "Canada has somehow found a good mix, a good solution to this hard problem that other countries could learn from."

Where Canada did not fare as well was with environmental factors, including biodiversity protection, water treatment and greenhouse gas emissions.

Canada also lagged far behind when it comes to mobile telephone subscriptions, with only 81 subscriptions per 100 people. That puts the country at 102 out of 133, placing it between Zimbabwe and Nepal.

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REBUILD

Added steps for Fort Mac builders

The resumes of companies that want to rebuild homes destroyed or damaged by the Fort McMurray wildfires will be posted online by the Alberta government in a move to help residents avoid hiring "unscrupulous" builders.

Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee said that homebuilders who wish to work in the ravaged northern Alberta community, the headquarters for Canada's oilsands region, will have to register a "builder declaration" before they can apply for a building permit. The builder's construction and financial history, along with outstanding fines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Relatives of 27-year-old flight officer Gulsen Bahadir, a victim of Tuesday's attack on Ataturk airport, mourn at her flag-draped coffin during a funeral ceremony on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Relatives of attack victim Mohammad Eymen Demirci mourn on Wednesday in Istanbul during his funeral. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Turkey grieves its loss

ATATURK AIRPORT

Authorities blamed Daesh for attack that killed 42

It was an attack that echoed the carnage earlier this year at the Brussels airport, down to the taxi that carried the men to their target: Inciting panic and then taking lethal advantage, three suicide attackers unleashed a deadly tide of bullets and bombs at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport, leaving 42 dead.

Authorities blamed Daesh for the bloodbath late Tuesday, a co-ordinated assault on one of the world's busiest airports and on a key NATO ally that plays a crucial role in the fight against the extremist group.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility by the militant group.

Although the attack took a heavy toll, the assailants were initially thwarted by the extensive security on the airport's perimeter, Turkish officials said.

"When the terrorists couldn't pass the regular security system, when they couldn't pass the scanners, police and security controls, they returned and took their weapons out of their suitcases and opened fire," Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said.

One attacker detonated his explosives downstairs at the arrivals terminal, one went upstairs and blew himself up in the departure hall, and the third waited outside for the fleeing crowd and caused the final lethal blast, two Turkish officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak about the investigation publicly. None of the attackers were Turks, a third official said.

As chaos unfolded, terrified travellers were sent running first from one explosion and then another. Airport surveillance video showed a panicked crowd of people, some rolling suitcases behind them, stampeding down a corridor, looking fearfully over their shoulders.

Other surveillance footage posted on social media showed one explosion, a ball of fire that sent terrified passengers racing for cover. Another showed an attacker, felled by a gunshot from a security officer, blowing himself up seconds later.

Investigators later found a Kalashnikov assault rifle, a handgun and two grenades on the bodies, according to the state-run Anadolu news service. Raids at two addresses also uncovered encrypted organizational documents and computer files, the news agency said.

Although the government quickly blamed Daesh, there was no immediate claim of responsibility by the extremist group, which did not mention the bloodshed on its social media sites Wednesday.

However, an infographic released to celebrate the second anniversary of its self-proclaimed caliphate claimed to have "covert units" in Turkey and other countries.

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DAESH

Daesh rarely claims attacks in Turkey.

One possible reason is a reluctance to be seen as killing fellow Muslims, said Anthony Skinner, director of the analyst group Verisk Maplecroft.

Another is its desire to exploit the violent rift between Turkey and Kurdish rebels, Skinner said.

UNITED KINGDOM

A fight for leadership

Britain has not yet quit the European Union, but it has already left politics-as-usual far behind.

Conservative Party contenders began to emerge Wednesday to replace Prime Minister David Cameron in the wake of Britain's vote to leave the bloc, while the head of the opposition Labour Party tried to cling to power in the face of a growing rebellion in party ranks.

Cameron's successor will get the poisoned chalice of becoming the country's next leader and negotiating Britain's exit.

The first contender to make it official was Work and Pensions Secretary Stephen Crabb.

The 43-year-old Crabb, raised by a single mother in public housing, said he would offer "resilience, optimism, humility, strength." Although he backed the "remain" side, he promised to deliver a "negotiated exit" from the EU. Crabb is running with Business Secretary Sajid Javid — who would serve as his finance minister — on what has been dubbed a blue-collar ticket. Both come from working-class backgrounds, in contrast to frontrunner Boris Johnson, the former mayor of London, and the current prime minister, Cameron.

Home Secretary Theresa May, who backed the "remain" side but is seen as competent and experienced, is also expected to run.

May, 59, could appeal to Conservatives who mistrust Johnson, who has been accused of using the referendum as a platform for his leadership ambitions and of failing to draw up plans if his "leave" side won.

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Stephen Crabb

Theresa May

Hillary Clinton speaking in Denver this week. ANDREW HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Benghazi U.S. consulate attacks haunt Clinton

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Even though special report finds no direct wrongdoing

Hillary Clinton says it's "time to move on" after a congressional report on the deadly 2012 Benghazi attacks accused the Obama administration of lethal mistakes but produced no new evidence pointing to wrongdoing by the former secretary of state.

"I'll leave it to others to characterize this report but I think it's pretty clear it's time to move on," Clinton said at a campaign stop in Denver on Tuesday.

An 800-page report by a special House committee makes no direct accusations of wrongdoing by Clinton, who was secretary of state during the Sept. 11, 2012, attacks that killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.

Republicans were not ready to let the issue go, especially with an election that will decide who occupies the White House and which party will control the House and Senate. The Benghazi panel has scheduled a July 8 meeting to formally adopt the report — 10 days before the Republican National Convention begins in Cleveland.

Trump said on Twitter that "Benghazi is just another Hillary Clinton failure. It just never seems to work the way it's supposed to with Clinton."

Meanwhile, Stevens' sister said she does not blame Clinton for her brother's death.

Dr. Anne Stevens, chief of pediatric rheumatology at Seattle Children's Hospital, told the New Yorker magazine it's clear the Benghazi facility "was not sufficiently protected by the State Department and the Defence Department."

But she added, "I do not blame Hillary Clinton or (former Defence Secretary) Leon Panetta. They were balancing security efforts at embassies and missions around the world."

The committee interviewed more than 100 witnesses and reviewed some 75,000 pages of documents, but an almost accidental discovery has shadowed Clinton.

The committee disclosed that she had used a private email server to conduct government business while serving as secretary of state, a practice that has drawn widespread scrutiny, including an FBI investigation..

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> **They were balancing security efforts at embassies and missions around the world.** Dr. Anne Stevens

TEXAS

Mom who shot girls wanted dad 'to suffer'

A Texas woman who fatally shot her two daughters did not target her estranged husband because she "wanted him to suffer" the memory of their deaths, a sheriff said Wednesday.

Christy Sheats, 42, "had ample time" on Friday to shoot Jason Sheats after she called a family meeting at their home west of Houston, Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls said during a news conference. Jason Sheats, 45, thought his wife was going to discuss a possible divorce to the couple's daughters, Nehls said, but she instead shot Madison Sheats, 17, and Taylor Sheats, 22.

The children and Jason Sheats ran outside, but Christy Sheats followed them out and shot her eldest daughter again.

A responding officer later shot and killed her when she refused orders to drop her gun. Jason Sheats was not injured.

"She accomplished what she set out to do, and that is to make him suffer," Nehls said, adding that Jason Sheats told investigators Tuesday about the sequence of events, details about the couple's crumbling marriage and Christy Sheats' bouts of depression.

She was admitted on three occasions to a mental health facility. Sheats also had been unemployed since 2012 and her husband told investigators that at times she drank heavily.

The couple had been married for more than 20 years and was from Alabama.

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A Texas woman fatally shot her two daughters before she was fatally shot by a responding police officer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Studies shed light on Zika
New studies shed light on the Zika virus and boost hope the epidemic raging in Latin America can be battled. A paper in Nature reveals that two experimental vaccines in development protect infected mice up to eight weeks after they get the shot.

A separate study of rhesus macaque monkeys showed a single Zika infection is enough to provide immunity against future illness. Finally, a portable saliva test that can diagnose Zika virus has been developed by the American Chemical Society.

GENNA BUCK/METRO

Brazil ponders parent law
Brazil is considering a law that would force parents to attend four meetings per year with teachers at their child's school, or they would not be allowed to apply for public-service jobs, not be paid if employed by the government and not receive loans from state banks or be allowed a passport. METRO

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Money back for bad game

SPORTS

Ticket reseller promises refund if team loses badly

Sports is no stranger to guarantees, but Gamehedge.com, a new online ticket reseller, is putting a new spin on the practice.

It is offering a 50 per cent ticket refund if you experience a bad game.

Launched two weeks ago, the New York-based website is offering what it calls a "good game guarantee" which promises money back if the home team badly loses. It is only available for Major League Baseball games, if you buy tickets through the site and the home team loses by 5 or more runs. Then you get a 50 per cent refund.

> **It just felt like the fan should get something back.**
> Warren Friss

"I've also been to some games where the team just doesn't show up," says Warren Friss, founder, Gamehedge.com. "It just didn't feel right to me. If you had a bad experience at a five-star restaurant they would do something and take care of you. So for me, it just felt like the fan should get something back."

In a sense, Gamehedge could be compared to short selling in the stock market, where you invest hoping a stock does poorly. Or gambling, as you are literally hedging your bets on the actual game. That sounds unheard of, although in 2012, the NBA's Phoenix Suns offered a money-back guarantee if fans didn't enjoy the game night experience, although that was a one-night promotion.

Friss has gone through a lot of statistical modeling on how to make this work, and says coming up with what the refund score was one of the big issues.

"The five runs was based upon the point at which very few teams come back. If a team is five runs down, 97 per cent of the time, they're not coming back," he says.

Another way to look at it is that Friss expects to pay out one in every eight games.

"It varies a bit by team, of course and well the teams play at home, but on any given night, if you are looking at the full slate of 15 games, usually two games that are Gamehedged."

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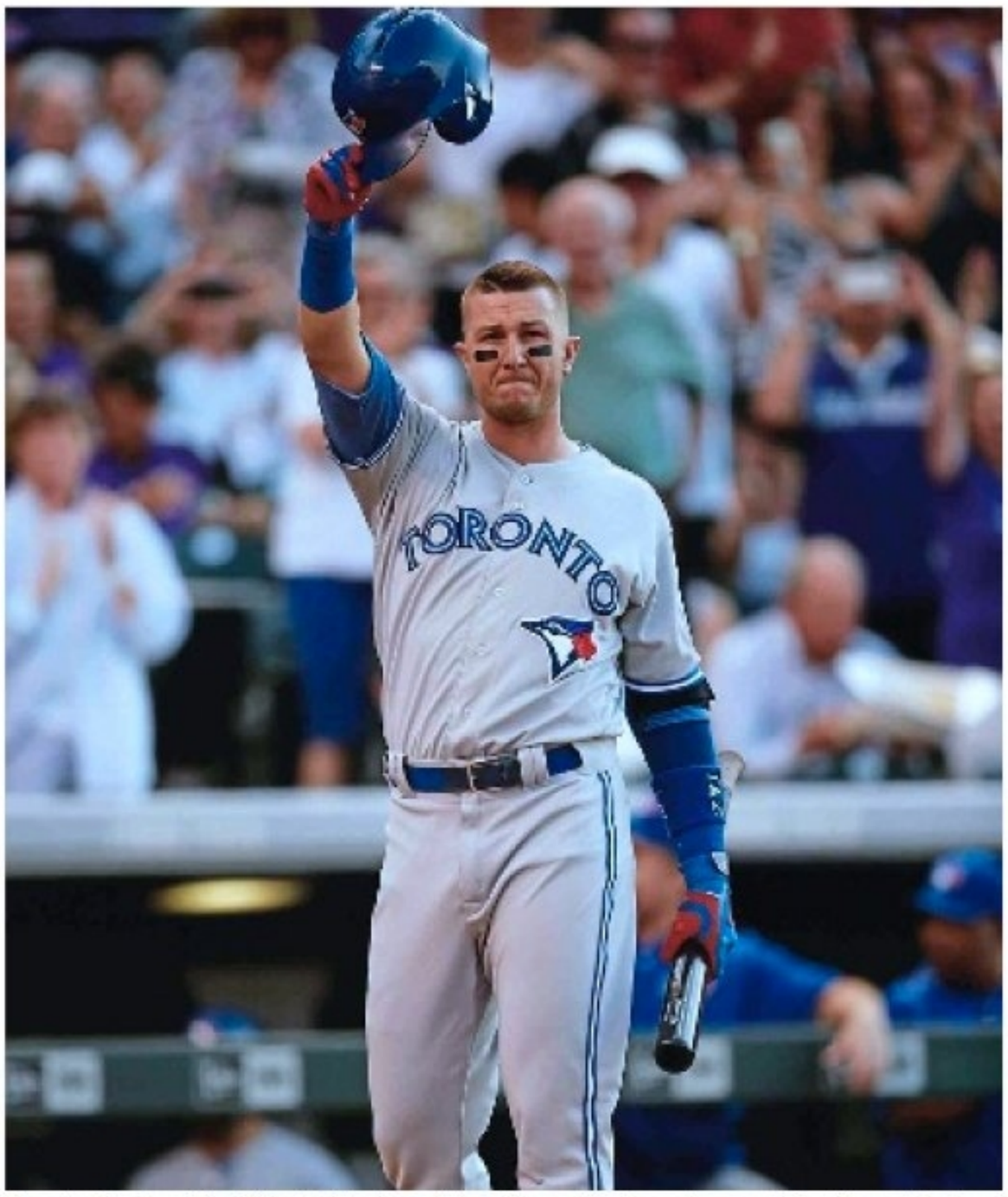
EXPANSION

- Gamehedge plans to expand to NFL, NBA and NHL tickets in August.
- The football and basketball score guarantee will be around 15 points, and hockey will likely be around three goals.



Toronto Blue Jays' Troy Tulowitzki acknowledges the ovation from the crowd. **Looking at the Jays season so far, online ticket reseller Gamehedge calculates it would only have had to give out refunds for bad games four times.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANADA POST

Businesses brace for mail strike

Businesses are warning their customers about the possibility of a strike or lockout at Canada Post that could happen as early as this weekend.

A number of companies including TD Bank, Virgin Mobile and American Express have told their customers not to expect statements in the mail in the event of a labour disruption. Some are encouraging their customers to pay their bills online and avoid mailing in payments.

Unionized workers at Canada Post can legally go on strike or be locked out as of Saturday if an agreement isn't reached.

The last labour disruption was in 2011, when Canada Post workers went on rotating strikes for 10 days.

Rivals Purolator and UPS said they are preparing to step in if a Canada Post labour disruption occurs.

Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers have been in negotiations since December for its 50,000 delivery and plant employees.

The head of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business said that any action will hurt small businesses that rely on mail service to deliver invoices and payments to other firms.

"What worries them the most are parcel shipments and money that gets tied up in the mail. It's the primary way for businesses to pay each other," said Dan Kelly, president of the group.

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What's Canada's favourite city?

On the occasion of our home and native land's 149th, we decided to settle once and for all which Metro city is the best in the nation. We asked prominent denizens in each of them — Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Halifax — to extol their town's virtues. Judge for yourself!

Toronto

"For me Toronto is the perfect mix of fast-paced city life and laid back neighbourhood barbecues. I can lose myself in the wilds of High Park, searching vainly for escaped capybaras, or hop onto a packed subway train and lose myself (and my friends) in the hustle of Canada's biggest Pride festival.

Toronto is a city that offers me more types of authentic food than there are communities living here making it. We are a city of diversity with distinct neighbourhoods that offer their own feeling and flavour without ever being unwelcoming.

Toronto has a certain grit, but you'd be hard pressed to see it as we like to keep things clean. If we are accused of being too busy it's only because we have so many ways to fill our time. A thriving comedy scene, an epic fringe festival, concerts, Jays games — Toronto never stops throwing out things do and see.

I am pleased to call Toronto home, well, except during the Indy weekend but, hey, no city is perfect right?"

Gavin Crawford, comedian

Ottawa

"This is a dream place to raise a family, especially when you have two young boys like my wife, Nicole, and I do.

It has all the resources of a city, without the worries of big-city living. Also, the people here make Ottawa what it is. It doesn't feel like a city. It feels like one large community.

Also, people care about each other and they support each other here. We made the move from Calgary out here because we saw it as a long-term solution to what we were looking for. Nicole and I came out to visit the city and saw what it has to offer, plus the close proximity to where she grew up (in Maryland). That's the kind of access we've always wanted when it came to our family and friends.

Our sons love it out here, too. For kids, it's always hard because they think, 'Man, I lost all my friends back in Calgary,' but once they got out here, they started to meet the neighbours and meet their kids and develop their own friends. Now, there's no looking back. "

Henry Burris
Ottawa Redblacks

Halifax

It's such a small-town vibe. Everyone's so nice and they look out for each other but it still has everything you want in a city. I'm so proud, every time I say I'm from Halifax I always know the reaction's going to be good.

We have our own culture there, our own music culture, and we've really kept our roots. but are still like a city. Not a lot of people think that Halifax is an actual city. It has everything that a major city has, except it has maintained its uniqueness.

Everyone's always like either 'Wow, I really want to go there,' or they went and had the best time, and everyone's so nice. I forget, every time I go home, it's just so beautiful, the waterfront, and the lakes and ocean.

Ria Mae
Juno-nominated singer

Winnipeg

"What I love most about Winnipeg is the big sense of community. I love Winnipeg and I love that throughout my speed skating career the community was always there to support me.

When I started skating at the club level, I was fairly old, being 18 years old at the time. It looked like I didn't have a hope, I was so bad when I started, but my coach and the entire speed skating community believed in me.

To me, that's what I love about Winnipeg, anytime you need help or support the community is there, they're always ready to give a hand.

I had to move to Calgary because that's where the (speed skating) oval is, but throughout my skating career, even from here I could feel that support.

I miss Winnipeg so much. I'm always talking to my friends about how great Winnipeg is, but no one understands. They think Winnipeg, they think of the cold and the big mosquitoes. But it was a great place to grow up and I love Winnipeg."

Cindy Klassen
Olympic speedskater

Calgary

"Calgary's greatness is in its very Canadian capacity for opportunity. Since well before Confederation and Treaty, we have been a place where—no matter where you come from, what you worship, or whom you love—you have the opportunity to lead a great Canadian life.

This makes Calgary incredibly resilient. We are a community that understands that our neighbour's success is our success and, conversely, our neighbour's failure is our failure. No matter the challenges we may face—be them economic, environmental, or social—we are all committed to this community.

We are all in this together and we all have the power, through our service, to improve our community. As we celebrate Canada's 149th birthday, let's consider a gift to our nation. Let's each give three gifts of service to our community this year—and every year. We have the power to make Canada even better, and Canadians can change the world."

Naheed Nenshi
Calgary mayor

Edmonton

"I really like the mixture in Edmonton of an inventive, entrepreneurial spirit – you know, go do it, you can do anything – with a spirit of co-operation as well. People will help you. Those two things that come together in Edmonton make it a great place for a creative person, whether that's someone who wants to start a business or solve a problem, or an artist.

I've really come to enjoy that spirit in the city. It's the spirit behind the fringe festival and Bioware and PCL and Stantec and all the big companies. I feel like it's the kind of city where anyone can show up from anywhere, and overnight they can be a leader. You don't have to have been in the city for seven generations, or to have gone to the greatest schools.

It's an unpretentious, open-hearted city. And that spirit makes for a lot of fun – great restaurants, great activities, lots of art. It's a fine laboratory of a city."

Todd Babiak
Writer

Vancouver

"Vancouver has a feel of a small town rather than a megacity, and I love the feeling of ease in navigating the streets. I love the proximity to the ocean and the mountains and the climate.

We are now an urban animal, so it's important to seek out nature in our surroundings — gardens, parks, creeks or woods.

Appreciating nature is the challenge of our time as young people spend hours in front of a computer, cellphone or television screen and only a few minutes outside every day.

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David Suzuki
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CANADA DAY DIALOGUE

Face it: Justin's kind of a dork

Even though he has right honourable status, even though the rest of the world is swooning, there's just something about him we find a little goofy. We can't quite put our finger on it, but, **come on, you know it's true.**

MATT LAFORGE **ROSEMARY WESTWOOD**

Westwood: Let's set the parameters. We're not talking about what the haters think.

LaForge: No. There are people who actively dislike him, call him an airhead, shallow, stupid, and superficial.

Westwood: But this isn't about them. We're talking about the spectrum of people who like him to those who are indifferent — they're rolling their eyes, somewhere deep inside, every time they see him. Do you think everybody thinks he's dorky?

LaForge: No doubt in my mind. Like that photo in the canoe, where he's wearing his dad's buckskin jacket, and he's got a life jacket on! I mean, he's doing the right thing, he's being prime ministerial, in a certain sense, but that is not a rugged look.

Westwood: He always looks like he's trying to sell perfume, you know?

LaForge: Somehow his dad seemed more genuine, and Justin's way more choreographed and self-conscious. I can't think of an unproblematic word for non-masculine, but whatever it is, that's what he is.

Westwood: It is all about his more effeminate qualities. So is all the right-wing hater-talk too, I think. And I get it. Even when he was talking at the press conference with the presidents of Mexico and the U.S., he sounded like Mr. Rogers. He's really not that commanding. Sort of all carrot, and no stick.

LaForge: He's like captain of the debate team in those settings — almost like he's mimicking statesmanhood.

Westwood: He's mimicky, yes.

LaForge: So you think whatever people are picking up on is inseparable from the idea of a continuum of masculine/feminine traits?

Westwood: Yes, totally. It's sexism on a spectrum.

LaForge: This might be my liberal guilt talking, but I feel like you can refer to a man as overly delicate, overly refined, overly slick without thereby saying that he's feminine.

Westwood: I disagree. It's the idea of power, and what power should look like, which is masculine. So anything that's not masculine is de facto undermining his power, and is de facto feminine. I mean, he's kind of buff, but he has the soft features, and the soft hair, and the soft voice, and the soft mannerisms. Even the elbowgate video! He was like the mom sternly walking across the room. But everyone lives on the spectrum of gender and has a mix of these components we traditionally call male and female. For Trudeau, I don't think it's a problem, but we tend to feel goofy about the ways he's not 100 per cent pure-grade masculine.

LaForge: What about Jack Kennedy? He looked the same way. He had that patrician softness in his face, but he fought in World War 2. Is it that it? Is it Kennedy's resumé?

Westwood: I doubt it, but I wasn't around so I don't know!

LaForge: Maybe if you're killed like that, in such a gruesome, bloody way, you automatically get to be remembered forever as tough.

Westwood: Or maybe we're in a more hyper-masculine world now. By the way, I think Justin Trudeau looks like a beaver. Look it up.

LaForge: (Silence.)

Westwood: He's a goody-two-shoes!

LaForge: That's it. That's the term. And that's not what Harper was. Harper was straight-laced, but he had sort of a darkness around him.

Westwood: And a lot of time Trudeau's unbridled optimism is also seen as somewhat feminine, too.

LaForge: Like naive. So what do we want? Because Vladimir Putin is seen as ridiculous, though I'm sure there are lots of people in Russia —

Westwood: — who might love it! But I think Trudeau's gushiness, I think it's working for him. I think people find it charming how not-tough he is. Even in boxing, his most masculine setting, it's just like, "Oh, Justin…"

LaForge: It could be an English-French thing, too. I've heard he's a lot more convincingly a man of action in French.

Westwood: That might be something.

LaForge: Maybe his accent — which is subtle but prominent — makes him sound too earnest.

Westwood: Hyper-earnest. And he'll never get rid of it, no matter how many yoga poses he does. You almost want to poke his belly, it's like that kind of a feeling.

LaForge: What's the word for that?

Westwood: What is that word? I don't know. But whatever it is, that might be it.

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In Disney's fantasy-adventure The BFG, a precocious 10-year-old named Sophie (Ruby Barnhill) befriends The BFG (Mark Rylance), a Big Friendly Giant from Giant Country. HANDOUT

If you are not a Roald Dahl fan the term The BFG almost sounds like something you might call someone you don't like.

If you're familiar with the Dahl's work, stories like James and the Giant Peach, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda and Fantastic Mr Fox, you'll already know The BFG stands for The Big Friendly Giant.

Just in time for the 100th anniversary of Dahl's birth, Steven Spielberg brings the towering tale of an orphan girl who befriends a taller-than-tall giant to the big screen.

Mark Ryland, last year's best supporting Oscar winner for Bridge of Spies, plays the BFG but he's not the film's only leviathan. Giant Country is filled with "cannybully and murderful" goliaths with fanciful names like The Childchewer and The Gizzardgulper.

They are the BFG's brothers, behemoths so huge if six-foot eight-inch Cleveland Cavaliers forward Lebron James stood next to them he'd only come up to their ankle. They're fearsome but Meatdripper portrayer Paul Moniz de Sa is quick mention, "There's still a lot of joy in the giants."

"We were going more for goose bumps," says Michael Adamthwaite who plays the Butcher Boy. "The film does a good job of showing [kids] how to overcome that fear and finding confidence and being brave and standing up for what you believe in."

Creating a world for the giants to inhabit involved groundbreaking technology to blend the live-action elements with performance-capture techniques. The richly detailed Giant Country, where swords are used as sewing needles and sailing ships double as beds, was brought to vivid life on soundstages in Vancouver last year.

"It was a big empty space and you had to use your imagination to feel the different elements," says Daniel Bacon who plays Bonecruncher. "There was tape on the floor and it was explained that something would be here, and something would be there. We relied on Steven telling us and being very descriptive about what it would look like."

"We also had the wonderful concept art to fall back on," says Adamthwaite. "For all the locations there was a big concept art poster and then there was the virtual camera which is technologically way beyond my brain power, but it is so crisp and the technology has advanced so quickly that now we are at a point that even though we were in a carpeted room with tape on the floor we had the benefit of being able to look over to a large screen monitor and see these almost real time, almost full renderings of our characters."

The result of the high tech work is a film that has so little to do with today's kid's entertainment it feels as though it's a relic from another time, a singular holdover from a day before Minions gurgled and everything was awesome. Adamthwaite credits Spielberg for finding the right tone.

"While some directors may be pushing the boundaries of being cutting edge. He always sees the film through the audience's eyes. He's very aware and astute of what will work in terms of what the audience appreciates."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Legend of Tarzan	★★★
The BFG	★★★★
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When the stars take over the production

TREND

More actors controlling their destiny by producing

John Legend (clockwise), Brad Pitt, Steve Carrell and Reese Witherspoon have all worn the producer's hat. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The actor's longtime lament: "What I really want to do is direct." The revised version: "I want to produce."

More entertainers are getting the chance to play the role of producer as the expanding universe of cable channels and, especially, online platforms make for big opportunities on small screens.

With motivations ranging from passion projects to career advancement, stars — and even their journeymen counterparts — are getting into the game.

"Actors need to produce because they need to control material and be ahead of the business," said Roy Ashton, the Gersh Agency's head of TV. "With the Netflixes and Hulus and everything else, it's really about owning content, controlling it and controlling your destiny."

The flashiest examples remain theatrical releases from heavyweights such as Brad Pitt, who's dabbled in TV but largely used his clout to help produce films including the Oscar-winning 12 Years a Slave and Selma.

Pitt is making serious TV forays as a producer for the upcoming miniseries Lewis and Clark and the limited series Feud. Actress and film producer Reese Witherspoon (Wild, Gone Girl) is producing and starring in the announced limited series Big Little Lies.

While individual responsibilities vary depending on the project, a producer or production team's tasks include obtaining financing and supervising casting, writing and the director who will guide filming.

Amid the crush of outlets and shows jockeying for viewers, a celebrity's behind-the-camera involvement may be seen as a way to build a project's buzz.

Actors who have a way with words can become sought-after producers, the result of TV's traditional reliance on writer-showrunners in contrast to filmdom's worship of directors. Tina Fey (Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt) and Amy Poehler (Broad City) are among the examples.

"People like Amy and Tina are being given production deals by networks looking for these people to expand on their voice," said Steve Carell, who wears a producer's hat for Angie Tribeca, TBS' police parody series.

Music star John Legend is an increasingly active producer with projects for TV (Underground) and the big screen (filmmaker Cary Fukanaga's in-development The Black Count).

He dismisses any notion he's in it for the so-called vanity credit which, with a monetary bonus, can be a lure for some.

"People find out pretty quickly I don't just do it to slap my name on things," Legend said. "I care about the kinds of stories being told under my name, so I try to interact with writers and directors as much as possible."

Although today's biggest names can't ensure success — HBO reversed its decision to renew the drama series Vinyl for a second season despite the involvement of producer-creators Mick Jagger and Martin Scorsese — Survivor's Remorse is returning July 24 for its third season on Starz with Mike O'Malley, a veteran actor (Glee, Yes, Dear) and writer (Shameless), in charge as creator and executive producer.

The talent — as the entertainment industry collectively labels performers — may produce to ensure their own juicy roles. But as performers themselves tell it, other motivations can be equally or more compelling.

Making a stand

The changing world of TV offers more opportunities for stories told by and about people of colour and other minorities — especially notable given this year's all-white slate of Oscar acting nominees.

"What's great about television right now is there are so many different avenues for content. It allows television to have real diversity," Legend said.

"Any of us who have power should try to use that power to tell great stories that reflect what's happening in the world and reflect the audience that's out there," he said. "They are thirsty for content featuring people who look like them."

Bridging the gender gap

In an industry in which men dominate on- and off-screen jobs, producing is giving women an influential path. Witherspoon's production company, for example, has focused on film and TV projects with female protagonists.

After Joanne Froggatt read a gripping script about Mary Ann Cotton, a 19th-century serial killer in England, she used the cachet she gained as Anna Bates on PBS' hit drama Downton Abbey to help drive Dark Angel.

As associate producer as well as star, Froggatt was tasked with getting PBS' agreement to air the miniseries, due in 2017, and had a hand in choosing the director, hair and makeup artists, and costume designer.

"It's not something that happens a lot in television in England, much more so in the States," the British actress said.

"It's really nice to voice that opinion and be heard," she added.

Show biz

The chance to develop entrepreneurial muscles and avoid employment slumps that are all too common in the acting game are other reasons to turn producer.

For Sean Hayes, the eye-opening moment came when he realized the long-running sitcom Will & Grace and his role as Jack were soon to end and, he says, "I needed a place to go in the morning. I looked around the soundstage and all of a sudden it hit me: How did all of this come together?"

His curiosity led him, with friend Todd Milliner, to launch a busy production company whose series include Grimm, Hot in Cleveland and Hollywood Game Night.

Putting the pieces together "enables me to keep working and keep my mind being creative," Hayes said.

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Tarzan reimagined for a new century

Alexander Skarsgård is the new Tarzan. CONTRIBUTED

CULTURE

Problematic colonial themes tossed for more palatable plot

Tarzan may be among America's classic fictional characters, but he's not beyond reproach.

Like so many well-worn tales, Edgar Rice Burroughs' Tarzan was borne of a vastly different time more than 100 years ago, when narratives rooted in colonialism, white saviours and African stereotypes were the norm. Throughout the decades, Tarzan also became a staple of Hollywood — there have been 52 authorized films and seven television series that have told the tales of the King of the Jungle.

For a bygone era, he's the model romantic adventurer. Today, he's a blemish on the history of literature and film.

The Legend of Tarzan, out Friday, is the first big-budget studio attempt to take on the character in the modern CGI world. Not only does the Warner Bros. film show feats of derring-do that not so long ago could only be imagined, but it also endeavours to spin a more contemporary story for today's sensibilities.

As with Hollywood's other recent adaptations of beloved tales stories with outmoded values, the Tarzan filmmakers did the delicate dance of trying to both preserve its original spirit while also correcting or even discarding its problematic origins. Their approach was to infuse the story with historical perspective, then bake it all into an action-adventure worthy of the superhero generation.

Though there are those who would sooner see Tarzan left for the ages, the character's roots are so deep that they've become archetypal.

"Edgar Rice Burroughs just tapped into a primal myth of humanity," said Scott Tracy Griffin, author of Tarzan: The Centennial Celebration and the forthcoming Tarzan on Film. "He is an orphan who is stranded and must find a way to his manhood and to reclaim his legacy."

Alexander Skarsgård, the latest leading man to do the Tarzan yodel, noted too that "people have always been very fascinated by our more animalistic side and the notion of the noble savage."

He also acknowledged those troubling origins.

"At the time it was written, the way people in Western Europe and in America viewed indigenous people was quite horrific and it was quite common. It was widespread, the notion that they were an inferior race," Skarsgård said. "It was very obviously important to steer away from the notion of like the white man coming down to Africa to save all the black people because they can't save themselves ... the movie is about them kicking the colonizing force out of the country."

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This film introduces Tarzan at mid-life — already married to Jane (Margot Robbie) and living in England as Lord Greystoke — long past his vine-swinging days. When he receives an invitation from King Leopold to visit the Congo and see the Belgian leader's work there, it's George Washington Williams (Samuel L. Jackson) who convinces him to go and find out what's really happening to the native people.

The injection of Williams — a real-life historian and Civil War veteran who exposed atrocities of the Congo — into the Tarzan mythology helped director David Yates ground it in a historical context. It also helped them turn away from some of the story's less palatable elements.

"It wasn't difficult to jettison those very old-fashioned aspects of the story because it doesn't belong to our century," Yates said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FILM

Alzheimer's doc full of Spirit

As Jill Daum watched her husband John Mann play one final show with his Spirit of the West bandmates back in April, any feelings of sadness were washed away by the warmth of the crowd.

The emotional performance offered some solace during what has been a challenging time for Spirit of the West — particularly Mann and his family.

In 2014, the frontman was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease at age 52.

"There was this tsunami wave of love that was so uplifting," Daum recalled of the Vancouver band's performance in front of hometown fans at the Commodore Ballroom. "John says that he is fortunate in an unfortunate way. We really feel that way, with the way that fans have been so supportive and have been giving him so much love.

"People were beaming. Like, smiling, just grinning throughout the whole concert. It was really uplifting. We thought it was going to be sad. It wasn't at all." The band's story and Mann's battle with the disease are chronicled in the documentary Spirit Unforgettable, which airs Friday on HBO Canada and first screened during the recent HotDocs festival in Toronto

Jill Daum and her husband John Mann, lead singer of Spirit of the West. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The film charts the launch and evolution of the group, which formed in 1983.

Through archival footage and interviews, viewers follow the band as they cross continents to record and perform their unique mashup of Celtic, folk, rock and punk, including the sing-along pub favourite Home for a Rest.

Spirit Unforgettable also tracks their preparations for a goodbye concert at historic Toronto concert venue Massey Hall — all the more poignant given Mann's diagnosis and the toll the disease has taken on his health and ability to perform.

Daum said she was particularly moved by a moment in the documentary when Paul Hyde of the Payolas performs a favourite song of Mann's: I Miss My Mind The Most. "When he got diagnosed with Alzheimer's, it was something we said in the house all of the time: 'Of all the things I miss, I miss my mind the most,'" Daum said.

"It just chokes me up right now even just to talk about it," she added, her voice quivering. "Having Paul sing that song for John to him like that, I just love that." The film also offers its share of levity, including many moments that had Daum in stitches. "I laughed a lot about some of John's hairdos.

"The camaraderie and the humour of the band, to me, really is the story of this film. How these fellows band together and support each other in adversity, I just think is stunningly beautiful."

Daum also used her own art to help find catharsis. She worked on a script for a play entitled Forget About Tomorrow, about a family coping with Alzheimer's.

"That's been really therapeutic for John and I to feel like we could take what we were going through and put it into a piece of work that other people could benefit from," she said.

Spirit Unforgettable will re-air on HBO Canada on July 4 and July 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MOBILE GAMING

Avatar game to roll out ahead of sequels

Game studio Kabam will develop an Avatar mobile game for release ahead of the next four films. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before moviegoers return to Pandora, they'll be able visit the exotic alien world from Avatar on their smartphones.

Lightstorm Entertainment and 20th Century Fox have enlisted game studio Kabam to develop an Avatar mobile game for release ahead of the next four film sequels. "The idea is to extend the world beyond the big screen and create an experience that will be true to what James Cameron did in making the most technologically advanced film of its time," said Kabam COO Kent Wakeford. "That's what we want to do with this game."

The multiplayer strategy game is set for release in 2018 before the second Avatar film hits theatres. Wakeford said Kabam plans to update the game as Avatar sequels unfurl every other year through 2023.

Kabam previously released mobile games based on such franchises as Star Wars, Marvel and Fast & Furious. Wakeford said the budget to produce the Avatar game will be substantially more than $14 million, the average cost of Kabam's previous titles.

The original 2009 film centred on the conflict between the human-led Resources Development Administration and the blue-skinned alien race Na'vi of Pandora. The film sequels will explore Pandora's other environments and cultures.

"For us, to be able to come out ahead of the movie and start to introduce a whole new set of characters and experiences when the movie releases and then again and again and again as the new films roll out, it'll allow us to create a really engaging game," said Wakeford.

The game won't only rely on the first movie for inspiration. For the past year, the developers at Kabam have been collaborating with artists and others working on the next Avatar installments at Lightstorm.

"There might be a creature or RDA aircraft that was not in the first movie that we designed for the sequels that's part of the texture of the films," said Avatar producer and Lightstorm COO Jon Landau. "If it doesn't reveal a story point from the films, why not share that with Kabam and allow them to use it in that space?"
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Super Dolls herald new toy trends

TOYS

Experts praise range but raise concerns over one-size bodies

Things are looking a little more super in the girls' toy market.

A line of colourful Super Hero Girls dolls from Mattel, the toy giant behind Barbie, is coming to Canada soon. Toy and gender experts are celebrating the new collection for showcasing female super heroes — but say the dolled-up heroes aren't exactly shattering gender stereotypes.

Hitting shelves July 1 at major retailers including Walmart and Loblaws, the line ties in to an animated web series and line of books, along with matching costumes and accessories, and features the likes of Wonder Woman, Supergirl, Batgirl, Harley Quinn, Bumblebee, Poison Ivy, and Katana.

South of the border, where the dolls are already on sale for upwards of $30 execs at DC Entertainment think the DC Super Hero Girls could be a $1 billion brand.

"They seem to be about being strong, and active, and engaged, which I think is a strong alternative to the beauty-focused toys out there," says Elizabeth Sweet, an expert on gender in the toy market and a lecturer in the University of California, Davis department of sociology.

Even so, "beauty still plays a role," she says. It's something Katharine Bausch, an assistant professor in Trent University's department of gender and women's studies, noticed as well. "I'm a little thrown by the body shape of the toys," she says. "I'm not super surprised, but they all seem to have the same body — they've just swapped the clothes."

Marissa Beck, a spokesperson for Mattel, says the new line is meant to be different from a lot of the "fashion dolls" out there.

The DC Super Hero Girls are more muscular, she notes, and capable of standing on their own and bending their joints. And, she adds, they're not "pink-washed" — instead rocking outfits true to their superhero roots, with most of them wearing leggings and pants instead of skirts.

In a similar vein, the toy giant's latest Barbie is a hip-looking game developer clad in faded jeans and sneakers.

Hitting Canadian retailers in August, the STEM-employed doll is meant to show young girls that they can "be anything." The doll sold out in the U.S.

Still, when it comes to the DC Super Hero Girls line, Sweet's main qualm is that it's only being marketed to girls, saying "boys really need to see that kind of thing too."

Jess Day, a campaigner with Let Toys Be Toys, a U.K.-based campaign to take gender out of the toy industry, agrees. "We see a problem that girls need a separate set of superheroes, and exist separately from the boys'."

Let Toys Be Toys has been fighting against gendered toys since 2012, and they've had some degree of success; more than a dozen retailers in the U.K., for instance, have ended the practice of having "boys" and "girls" sections in toy stores.

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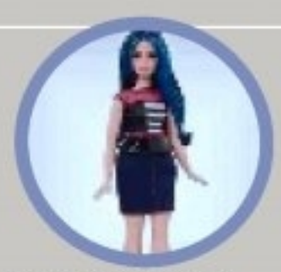
Victoria Stamirowski, 8, left, and Robert R., 6, right, play with DC Comics Super Hero Girls. NICK KOZAK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DOLLS REIMAGINED

Lammily
Designed two years ago by graphic artist Nickolay Lamm, are realistic dolls dubbed the "normal Barbie." Accessory packs include body marks like moles, and a period kit with colourful pads.

Malaville
The debut collection of Malaville dolls, designed by doll collector Mala Bryan, features four shades of brown skin-toned fashion dolls with Afro and curly hair.

Lakeshore Learning Materials
This equipment set for a multi-ethnic doll collection from Lakeshore Learning Materials allows kids to learn about special needs by equipping their dolls with canes, hearing aids, protective helmets, and more.



Barbie Fashionistas
The iconic Barbie doll got a makeover for Mattel's 2016 Fashionistas collection, featuring different skin tones, hairstyles, and body types — including tall, curvy, and petite.

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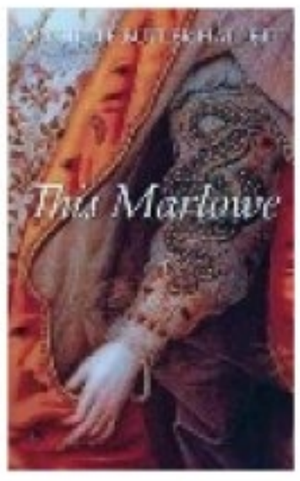
5 BOOKS TO SEE YOU THROUGH THE LONG WEEKEND

Just in time for Canada Day celebrations, here are five recent reads that travel the world — no passport or time machine required **SUE CARTER/FOR METRO CANADA**

1 A Different Kind of Daughter: The Girl Who Hid from the Taliban in Plain Sight by Maria Toorpakai and Katherine Holstein

Maria Toorpakai's story, and memoir, is nothing short of incredible. Born in 1990 in Pakistan, the athletic Toorpakai disguised herself as a boy, changed her name to Changez Khan, and became a street fighter before eventually training as a weight lifter. Toorpakai later discovered an immense talent and love for the game of squash, but in order to play she had to reveal her gender, which made her a target for the Taliban. Thanks to her supportive father and coach, Canadian player Jonathon Power, Toorpakai — who trains in Toronto — is now one of the top 50 players in the world, and a dedicated activist for women's rights.



2 This Marlowe by Michelle Butler Hallett

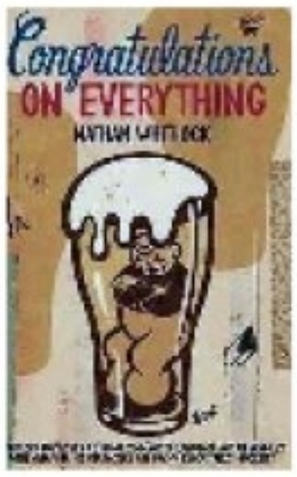
Before Willie Shakespeare, there was Christopher Marlowe, a charismatic cobbler's son turned playwright — and purported British government spy. St. John's author Michelle Butler Hallett fictionalizes Marlowe's last months before his death in 1593, depicting a man torn between political and personal allegiances, and a country in turmoil (with eerie similarities to contemporary events). Hilary Mantel fans will want to pick up this historical novel by one of the East Coast's most underrated authors.

4 Do Not Say We Have Nothing by Madeleine Thien

Madeleine Thien's 2011 novel, Dogs at the Perimeter, was internationally lauded, and it's expected that her third novel will receive the same response. Do Not Say We Have Nothing follows two generations of two Chinese families through the 20th century, from Mao's Cultural Revolution to Tiananmen Square. This is an ambitious, beautifully written book, with layers of stories within stories and timeshifts ands slow savouring over the summer months.

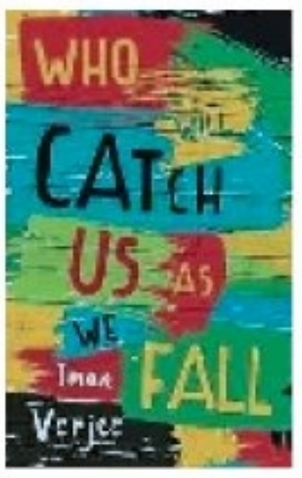
3 Congratulations on Everything by Nathan Whitlock

Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got, or so learns Jeremy, a schlubby, middle-aged Toronto bar owner whose most distinguishing feature is the heavy stock of keys he wears around his spreading waist. Jeremy's obsessive need to play the nice guy — coupled with his obsession with a self-help charlatan named Theo Hendra, and an increasingly unhealthy sense of pride — means Jeremy's beloved bar, the Ice Shack, is doomed. But Whitlock's darkly comic observations and sense of humanity keeps the story afloat.



5 Who Will Catch Us as We Fall by Iman Verjee

Set in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, where Iman Verjee lived until 2014, Who Will Catch Us as We Fall examines tensions between the city's African and Indian communities through the eyes of a young woman named Leena, and of those with whom she comes in contact, including the son of her family's black maid and a corrupt cop. Verjee's fully drawn characters, observational talents and sense of place both educate and entertain.



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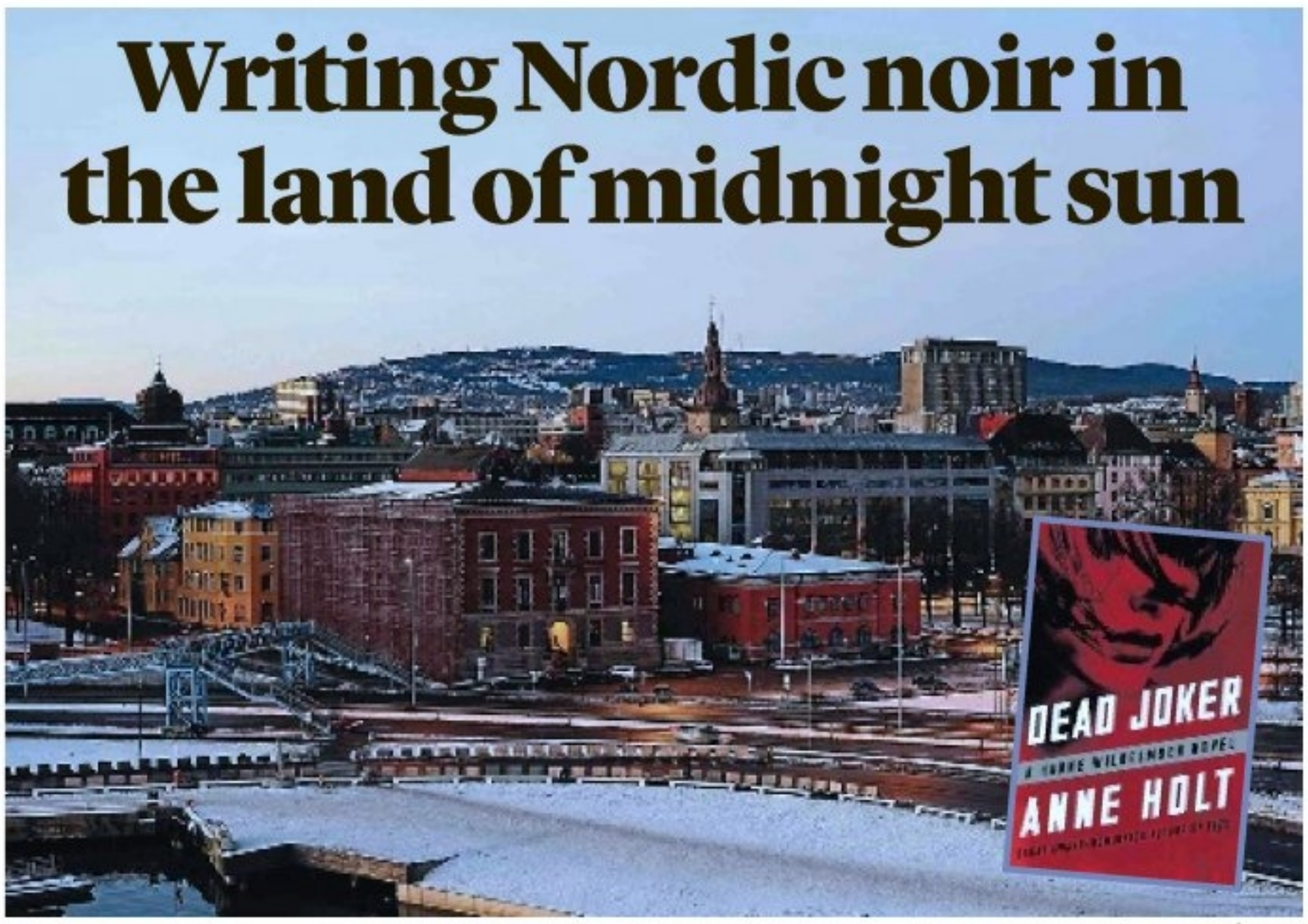

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CRIME

Anne Holt's newest book is being released this summer

Laura Boast
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Scandinavian crime novels have a special appeal to non-Nordic readers. Densely atmospheric, a sub-Arctic chill creeps into the stories and darkness descends on the characters like winter twilight.

They have their own genre: Nordic Noir. Stieg Larsson's original Millenium Trilogy is one of the best known. But other Scandinavian writers are getting noticed. Among them: Anne Holt, currently published in 25 countries.

Known as the "godmother of modern Norwegian crime fiction," her fictional detective Hanne Wilhelmsen has been solving crimes since the '90s. Demand for her books soared four years ago. That's when her novel 1222 was shortlisted for an Edgar Award (like a Pulitzer prize for crime writers).

Her fifth book — Dead Joker — comes out in Canada on July 26, with two to follow later this year.

Metro sat down with Holt at U.K.'s Crimefest to do a little detective work on how she got into crime writing, and why Nordic Noir is such a phenomenon.

"It's marketing, hyping," says Holt. "Pure luck."

That would be the assessment of a woman who, like her character Hanne Wilhelmsen, is a straight talker. Holt finds it ironic Stieg Larsson's books, which contributed to the craze, are considered Nordic Noir.

"He wrote in the American tradition," she says. "In the Scandinavian tradition, you would never have a character like Liz Salander. She's like a modern Marvel character."

She adds that the crimes she writes about are more realistic than those in the Millenium series. Holt should know. A lawyer and former journalist, she was also Norway's Minister of Justice in the late '90s. Her characters, and plots, are drawn from real life.

Moreover, unlike the Millenium books, Holt doesn't engage in what some call "violence porn." There's only one rape scene in her 23 books.

"To describe a crime is easy," she says. "But to sit down and write how a victim of sexual violence feels after that is a challenge."

Holt's Oslo-based heroine Hanne Wilhelmsen makes her living getting into people's heads, but allows few others into her own. That's how readers, and not her colleagues, come to learn about Hanne's relationship with Cecilie.

"She's just as reluctant to share that she loves pancake for breakfast as she is sharing her sexuality."

While the real-life author does not conceal personal details — she has a happy family life with partner Tine Kjæ and their daughter — Anne Holt prefers private time. She writes about four hours a day and takes 10 weeks of vacation every summer.

Her characters may know how to kill, but Anne Holt knows how to live. So very Scandinavian.

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SEQUEL

Rowling's latest set in Massachusetts

J.K. Rowling's latest tale of wizardry is set atop the mountains in Massachusetts.

The second installment in a collection called Magic in North America describes a secret wizarding school located at the peak of Mount Greylock in the Berkshires.

The story was published Tuesday on Rowling's Pottermore site.

The tale, Ilvermorny School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, provides the backstory for the North American school of magic, founded in the 17th century.

An orphaned Irish girl sails across the ocean on the Mayflower to Massachusetts, where the school is established.

The story is a tie-in to the upcoming film Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, scheduled for release Nov. 18.

The film is an adaptation of Rowling's book by the same name and is the author's screenwriting debut.

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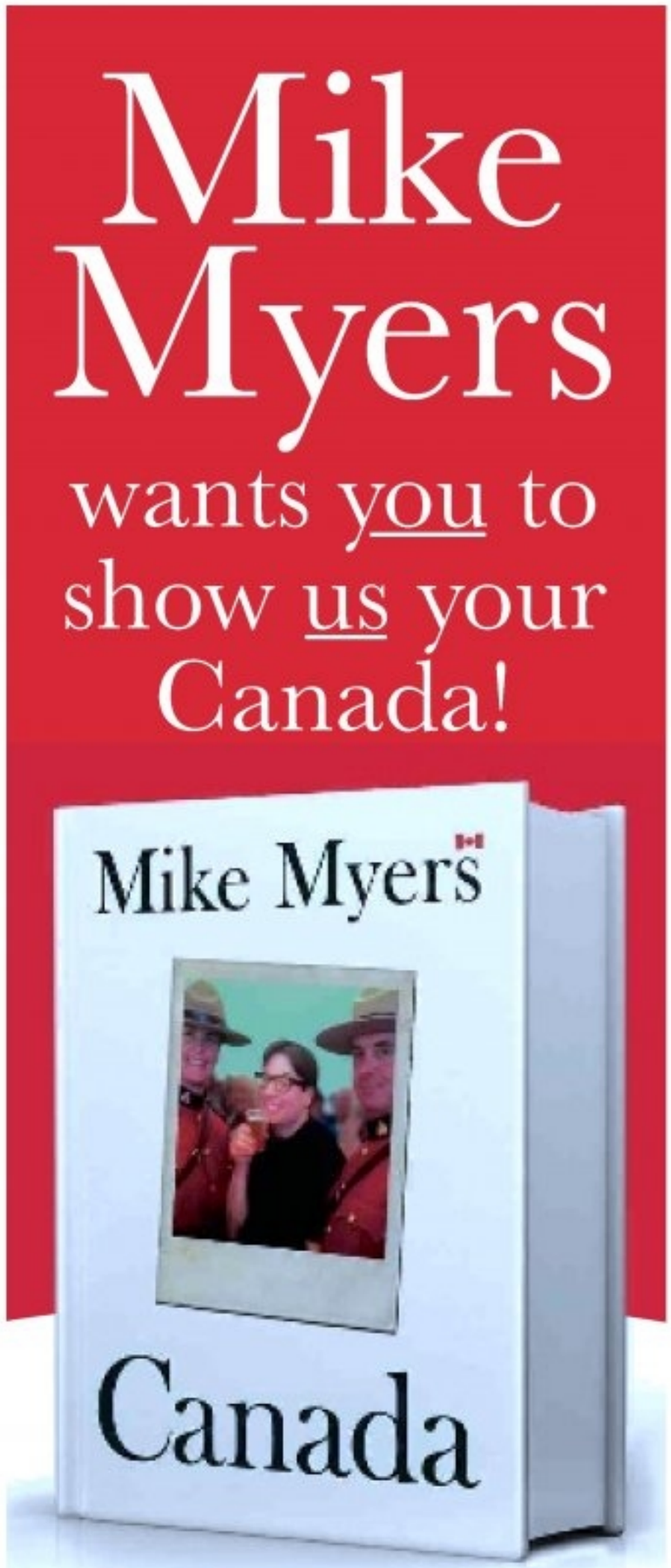

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Winnipeg: home of the largest living flag. CONTRIBUTED

It's a day to celebrate what we have in common: a shared love of country, cultures and history. But each community wears the patriotism a little differently on July 1st. The Department of Canadian Heritage has a listing of 1,368 Canada Day events happening in communities big and small across the country. While it's pretty much a guarantee there will be cake, singing O Canada and enough fireworks to light up North America, some cities also throw in some unique Canada Day events.

Welcome to Winnipeg: home of the largest living flag.

Inviting folks to dress in red or white and then arranging them in the shape of the flag actually started in Victoria but Winnipeg took the idea and ran with it. Last year more than 3,800 people created a living flag in Shaw Park.

"They're bringing their best patriotic attire to assemble into basically one of Canada's largest living flags and at a really cool downtown location," said Rose Dominguez, with Downtown Winnipeg BIZ.

People show up an hour or two early, many are given T-shirts, and a local band helps to get the crowd pumped up.

"We have a singer who we bring up on one of the lifts we use to take the photo to sing O Canada and the whole crowd jumps in a creates this energy."

It's also a friendly competition with Victoria, Calgary, Langley, and Ottawa, which Winnipeg dominates, Dominguez said.

It must be hard not to feel a bit of ownership of Canada Day in Charlottetown, where confederation began.

Bob Doiron, Charlottetown councilor, said July 1st is a big day for the P.E.I. capital.

"Being the birthplace of confederation our residents are very proud of this and they enjoy the history," he said.

More than 25,000 people visit Charlottetown to celebrate with cake, a 21-gun salute, kids activities and a 10-hour concert

"At 10 p.m. we sing the national anthem and then we have a spectacular fireworks display and it's probably the biggest in Atlantic Canada."

How do they celebrate Canada Day in the nation's capital? In part, with aerial bombs.

Katherine Cyr, spokeswoman for the Department of Canadian Heritage, said about 350,000 people — a third of which are tourists — participate in Canada Day celebrations in Ottawa.

"Spending Canada Day in the capital region is just such a great feeling, there's so much going on, lots of streets are closed and it's just a big party."

And their fireworks show is not to be outdone. Cyr said this year they're having a pyro-musical (fireworks set to a soundtrack) and there will be over 2,000 aerial bombs.

"And 110 are the biggest allowed in Canada. It's going to be huge," she said.

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• 8:15 deep funk band The Soul Motivators.
• 9:15 Emanuel Jal, hip hop artist.
• 10:15 Fireworks finale

Amesbury Park
• 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Family activities, entertainment, and vendors.
• 10 p.m. Fireworks

Ashbridges Bay Park
• 10 p.m. Fireworks

Broadlands Community Centre
• 1:30-4 p.m. Old-style community picnic, face painting, games, and folk singing.
Centennial Park, Etobicoke
• 10 p.m. Fireworks

Milliken District Park
• 10 p.m. Fireworks

Stan Wadlow Park
• 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Family activities including crafts, and entertainment.
• 10 p.m. Fireworks

Thomson Memorial Park
• 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Entertainment, kids activities, food trucks and more.
• 4 p.m. Parade

Scarborough Museum
• 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free events including karaoke and croquet.

Queen's Park
• 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Starts with a 21-gun salute, also features midway rides, arts and crafts work shops, Mad Science stations, costumed characters, face painting, storytelling and many performances.

Harbourfront Centre
• 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Citizenship ceremony
•12-8 p.m. Musical Instrument Petting Zoo, family crafts and many other activities

With events around the city, you can find Canada Day events close to you. ISTOCK

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Someone must be happy: Pharrell's Miami penthouse sells for $9.25 million U.S.

Two too hot T.O. handle

CONDO TRENDS

As house prices skyrocket, so do 2 bedroom condos

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

A new trend is seeing a huge surge in condo prices across the GTA. This could spell bad news for first-time buyers feeling the squeeze in the single-family home market.

Much of the demand is being driven by end users seeking larger, two-bedroom units. Condo industry specialists Urbanation, recently reported that sales of new GTA condo units have surged 32 per cent in the first quarter of 2016, compared to the same period last year.

Shana Bahrami is a broker with Royal LePage Signature Realty, and has been a long-time member of the Toronto Condo Network group.

She says that in a very short period of time, the condo market has gone from conditional offers to bidding wars, much like we've seen with single-family homes over the past several years.

"All of a sudden, a lot of my clients are looking for two-bedroom condos."

Last week she found one with an asking price of $637,900, that had been on the market only four days. "I called to book an appointment, and they said that there was an offer registered on the property already."

Is this the new normal? Bahrami predicts that if things continue the way they are going, "We won't find any two-bedroom condos for less than $1 million within three years."

The condo buyers are frequently young professionals looking to live and work in the downtown core. Veteran Royal LePage real estate agent, Terry Szwec says that in the GTA, the condos are becoming the new starter homes.

"When you look at the average price of housing, your typical detached home now being over a million dollars, the only alternative for the 24 to 35-year-old is now going to be a two bedroom, two bathroom condo, and that's where we've seen the biggest growth."

Regrettably, it seems that the opportunity for young buyers to get into a house is closing up, if not gone for good. Szwec tells the story about one of his clients, a 28-year-old woman looking to buy her first house.

"A year ago, I advised her that there's no possible way you can get into this market unless you do it now."

With a little help from the bank of mom and dad, she managed to put together the down payment and bought a $650,000 detached dwelling.

"That was exactly 12 months ago, and today that house is worth $800,000," says Szwec.

We won't find any two-bedroom condos for less than $1 million within three years.

Broker Shana Bahrami's predictions, based on current trends

The Toronto resale condo market is on fire. Properties like Tridel's Arista at Avonshire in Willowdale (top photo and bottom left) and Argento (bottom right and also by Tridel), are in big demand. Buyers want a good location in a well-run building with low maintenance fees. CONTRIBUTED

REAL ESTATE

What's hot on the market

1 SALES EVENT

Entertainment district: Last chance for pre-construction prices at The PJ condos, in the centre of Toronto's entertainment district at Pearl and John streets. Head over to the presentation centre at 283 Adelaide St. W. Contact: 416-596-1600, pjcondos.ca.

2 NOW SELLING

North York: Parfait condos by Tridel Dorsey located in North York, with bright, spacious suites overlooking the park. Check out the new presentation centre at 2255 Sheppard Ave. E. Contact: 416-645-8866, tridel.com.

3 SALES EVENT

Etobicoke: Inquire about the limited time pricing and incentive for Tower One at the Kip District condos in Etobicoke, across from the subway. Visit the sales centre at 5143 Dundas St. W. Contact: 416-207-1919, thekipdistrict.com.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Do title search to address zoning issue

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro | Canada

Q: I purchased a home several years ago that was set up as a quadraplex with two self-contained apartments on the main floor and two in the basement. I've now had a visit from the city inspector and I have been cited with a violation for having a multi-unit living arrangement when only single-family dwellings are allowed. I questioned the officer because the building was clearly built as two units on one floor. Although the zoning is for single family, there must have been some re-zoning or a variation because the city wouldn't have given the building permits to erect the home in its original two-unit design. The city has said that they had a fire and there are no records of any variance. What should I do?

A: Multi-unit homes and the accompanying appropriate zoning is a big concern in today's urban environment.

I would tend to agree with you that there had to have been some form of zoning change, otherwise, the building could not have been built.

That being said, the city not having records can be a big problem. I would approach the city to see if you could consult with some manager with respect to this problem. There should be some reasonable solution. However, that may take the form of bringing an application to have the zoning changed retroactively. You may want to get your lawyer to do a title search to see if you can determine who owned the property when it was built and therefore, reach out to that person hopefully for some valuable answers. Good luck.

A lack of records on a zoning variance can be a potentially big problem. Getting a title search done may help. ISTOCK

Ontario plan will drive up prices further

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

The affordability of housing in the Greater Toronto Area is a serious issue and one that we have been raising for several years now.

We are the industry that builds and develops the new homes and communities that house the growing population of the Greater Toronto Area. But we don't just build what we want. Our industry is one of the most regulated and the policies, plans and processes of three levels of government determine how land can be used and control where and how development occurs.

A decade ago the provincial government released its Growth Plan which set out to change the nature of development in the GTA and move away from the largely suburban-oriented development pattern that we had been following for many decades.

Over the last 10 years, the industry has adapted from building mainly low-rise homes to building at least as many high-rise homes as ground-related homes today.

However, market demand for those new low-rise homes, especially for single-family detached homes, has not diminished, so homes that are in high demand are short in supply.

Data by Altus Group shows the GTA has record-low inventory levels of new ground-related housing especially detached homes.

In May, we dipped below 2,000 new low-rise homes available for sale across the GTA with only 1,985 left. A year ago, there were twice as many available.

A basic economic principle is when supply can't meet demand, prices go up. The disparity is not only driving up prices but it's reducing choice for consumers. The average price of a new low-rise home in the GTA climbed to $875,154 in May. Ten years ago, the average new ground-related home was under $400,000.

The provincial government recently announced proposed changes to the Growth Plan that will substantially increase the level of intensification in the GTA. There will be more development in established areas and all new development will have to use even less land to accommodate more people and jobs. This will mean that even fewer ground-related homes, especially single detached homes, will be built.

We believe the province should take a more measured approach before significantly increasing intensification requirements that will further limit housing choice and increase home prices for people in the GTA.

Now's the time to use your voice. The government is seeking public input into its proposed changes until September 30. Tell your local MPP or use the province's online feedback form here if you're also concerned about housing choice and prices.

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Project overview

The Bond Condominiums is a new 42-storey condominium residence currently under construction in the heart of Toronto's Entertainment District. A mixed-use community with retail and office space at street level, it will be surrounded by cultural, fashion and sporting landmarks.

In the neighbourhood

The John Street cultural corridor is home to many of Toronto's favourite attractions. The Bond is close to eclectic Queen West and shopping at Spadina. The neighbourhood is alive with theatres, restos and entertainment.

Building amenities

Resident's will have access to a 24-hour concierge service, private lounge, a billiards room, golf simulation room, video games room, fitness retreat, a sun lounge and juice bar, plus an outdoor pool and hot tub.

Location and transit

The Bond is close to the University TTC subway line. Commuters will have quick access to the Gardiner Expressway, and a short walk to the downtown core.

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: The Bond Condos
Builder: Lifetime Developments
Architect: Core Architects
Interiors: Tomas Pearce Interior Design Consulting
Location: 290 Adelaide St. W., at John Street
Building: 42 storeys with 393 units
Sizes: From 524 to 1,174 sq. ft.
Pricing: From $395,900 to $969,900
Suites: Several floor plans ranging from one to three bedrooms
Status: Under construction
Occupancy: Fall 2016
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metro TRAVEL

Your essential daily news

Real-life Dirty Dancing resort in Virginia hosts themed weekends this summer

Five great Can-Con road trips

With the low loonie many Canadians are opting for staycations instead of heading abroad this summer. Load some podcasts, pack up a few snacks and hit the open highway to get the most for your hard-earned buck while exploring your glorious home and native land.

Melissa Dunne/For Metro

Vancouver to Tofino

Vancouverites can (momentarily) leave worries about soaring real estate prices behind and head to Tofino, B.C. Hop on the ferry to Nanaimo, then grab an ice cream cone at the Old Country Market in Coombs. Be sure to pack your bikini and binoculars for a day at Long Beach in Tofino, where you may spot a whale. On your return trip to Vancity hit up MacMillan Provincial Park before taking the ferry back to the city and the 9-5 grind.

Toronto to Niagara Falls

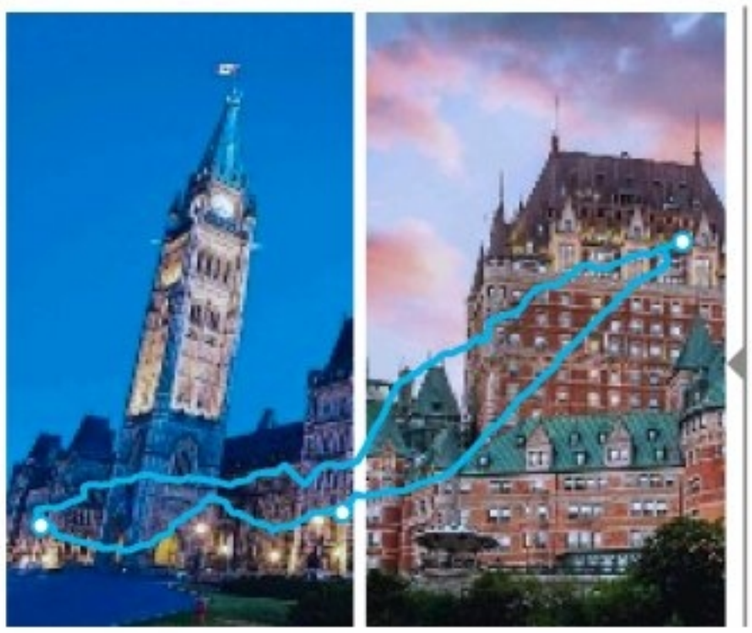
When the 6ix starts to get really, really soggy and smoggy, ditch city life for wine country. Stay at a quaint B&B in Niagara-on-the-Lake and make sure to book a winery tour so you can truly, ahem, drink in what the Niagara, Ont., region has to offer. Then pop on a plastic blue cape for a kitschy ride on the Maid of the Mist to take in one of the natural wonders of the world. Drop in to quickly gentrifying Hamilton and grab a cold brew at Detour Coffee Roasters before returning to Taranna.

Halifax to the Cabot Trail

Haligonians can hit the Trans-Canada Highway and head up to the Cabot Trail, N.S. Grab some suds from Big Spruce Brewing in Nyanza before heading over to the Alexander Graham Bell Historic Site in Baddeck to learn more about the inventor of the telephone. Make sure to allow a few days to drive the 580-kilometre Cabot Trail, where you can indulge in local mussels while taking in some folk music along the way before heading back home to Halifax.

Calgary to Jasper

Calgarians can get to Lake Louise, Alta. — which often looks as bright as a melted blue freezie pop — in about two hours. Channel your inner Trudeau (Pierre or Justin) and rent a canoe for the day when you get there. From there, drive up through Jasper National Park to the Miette Hot Springs. Depending on your affinity for the outdoors you can set up camp at the park, or rent a cabin near the hot springs. Cool off on your return to Calgary by driving through the jaw-dropping Icefields Parkway.



Ottawa to Quebec City

Ottawans can head to Quebec City for some Euro-influenced sophistication without ever leaving the Great White North. Head out early and make a pit-stop in Montreal, where you can pick up some of the best bagels in the country at St-Viateur Bagel for lunch before heading on to stroll the UNESCO World Heritage designated Ville de Quebec. Be sure to pick up some finger-licking good St-Hubert chicken at one of its many Quebec outposts on your return route to Canada's capital.

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QB Andrew Luck has signed a new $140-million, six-season contract with the Indianapolis Colts through 2021

Wave of deals rocks NHL

HOCKEY

Stamkos stays with Bolts, Subban and Hall traded

Fireworks popped off across the hockey world well before Canada Day and the annual start of NHL free agency.

Steven Stamkos agreed to remain in Tampa, P.K. Subban was dealt to Nashville for Shea Weber, and Taylor Hall was finally traded from Edmonton as the Oilers sought to rectify a long-standing issue on defence.

It was, all in all, one of the more thunderous days of activity in the recent history of the NHL, starting with Stamkos.

Lining up as the NHL's top available free agent heading into July 1, a 26-year-old who's produced more goals than any player but Alex Ovechkin since 2008, Stamkos opted to pull himself off the market, agreeing to remain with the Lightning on an eight-year deal.

The Markham, Ont., native could have chosen any number of NHL destinations, but the former No. 1 overall pick of the Lightning opted to remain in the only NHL home he's ever known, a place where his chances of continued success are perhaps best.

Tampa's roster is flooded with skilled, young talent, but also talent owed new contracts now or sometime soon. All of which made it imperative that Stamkos accept less than market rate, and that seems to be accomplished with a contract that comes with a reported $8.5-million US cap hit.

All-star blue-liners Shea Weber, left, and P.K. Subban are trading places. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

> **I just feel good knowing that a team has moved someone to bring me in because they want me.**
> P.K. Subban

While the Lightning stayed strong, two Canadian teams made risky bets.

Canadiens general manager Marc Bergevin insisted that he was not shopping Subban, only to flip him to the Predators for an aging Weber less than a week later.

It's an exchange that tilts strongly in Nashville's favour given the age and productivity of the two defencemen.

Subban is almost four years younger than the longtime Nashville captain and tops every defender but Erik Karlsson in terms of point production over the past five seasons. Underlying numbers also suggest that Weber, soon to be 31, has hit his peak and is trending downward in recent seasons.

Weber's contract, additionally, doesn't expire until 2026, carrying a $7.8-million cap hit, while Subban's deal expires in 2022, though holding an extra $1.2 million on the cap annually.

Steven Stamkos GETTY IMAGES

Taylor Hall, left, and Adam Larsson GETTY IMAGES

"I'm excited. I really am excited. I think this is fantastic," said Predators general manager David Poile, sounding almost giddy. "I'm a general manager but some day I would like to be a fan and this is a guy that I would pay money to see. He's exciting to watch."

Like Montreal, Edmonton made a dicey deal, losing the best player of a trade that sent Hall to New Jersey for 23-year-old Adam Larsson.

It was a deal aimed toward solving a long-standing need in Oiler country: Edmonton was searching for help on defence.

The Oilers are betting on the upside of Larsson, a player who's yet to find a groove in the NHL.

The fourth overall pick of the 2011 draft, Larsson averaged a career-high of more than 22 minutes last season, starting a large majority of his shifts against top talent in the defensive zone. He produced only 18 points and struggled in the puck possession game.

Still just 24, Hall scored 26 goals and 65 points last season, falling off some in the second half.

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BLUE JAYS

Sanchez keeps Rockies grounded

Aaron Sanchez kept the Colorado Rockies' potent offence grounded Wednesday.

He induced 14 groundouts, a great idea in Coors Field.

Sanchez allowed one run in eight innings and Josh Donaldson homered to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-3 victory over the Rockies.

Sanchez (8-1) allowed six hits, struck out three and walked two in extending his unbeaten streak to 12 games.

WEDNESDAY In Denver

BLUE JAYS	ROCKIES
5	3

"Any time you can keep the ball on the ground, especially here in Coors Field, that's big," Sanchez said. "I felt like I did have everything working today."

The Blue Jays won their first series ever in Denver and their first overall since June 13-16, against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Roberto Osuna gave up RBI doubles to Mark Reynolds and Daniel Descalso and put the tying run in scoring position with one out in the ninth. He hit Charlie Blackmon to load the bases before striking out Cristhian Adames to end the game.

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WIMBLEDON

Bouchard advances to second round

Montreal's Eugenie Bouchard moved on to the second round of Wimbledon after posting a 6-3, 6-4 win over Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova on Wednesday.

The match was completed at the covered centre court at the All England Club after rain postponed matches on outdoor courts for a second straight day.

Bouchard will next face Britain's Johanna Konta.

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Eugenie Bouchard GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Charges laid in hit-and-run death of former UFC fighter

Police in Edmonton have charged two people in the hit-and-run death of former UFC fighter Ryan Jimmo.

Jimmo, who was 34, was fatally injured early Sunday following a verbal argument that escalated into a fight in the parking lot of a bar.

Police say Jimmo died from blunt force trauma after being run over by a vehicle.

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NFL

Harrison demands proof in drug probe

Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison wants the NFL to provide "credible evidence" before he agrees to an interview with league officials regarding a media report that linked him to the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

The NFL Players Association sent a letter on Harrison's behalf to NFL executive Adolpho Birch on Tuesday asking for more information.

"We have repeatedly requested that the NFL inform him and the NFLPA whether the NFL possesses any credible evidence (e.g., verified documents or verified testimony of witnesses) that warrants an interview of Mr. Harrison regarding a potential violation," read the letter.

Green Bay linebackers Clay Matthews and Julius Peppers were also implicated by the Al-Jazeera report.

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Milik to meet the master

EURO 2016
QUARTER-FINALS

Polish striker set for meeting with Portugal hero Ronaldo

Arkadiusz Milik scores from the penalty spot against Switzerland. TOBIAS SCHWARZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Poland striker Arkadiusz Milik is looking forward to meeting one of his heroes in the European Championship quarter-finals: Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo.

The 22-year-old Ajax striker is also in close contact with another mentor, Dennis Bergkamp, who memorably showed how to score at the Stade Velodrome in a 1998 World Cup quarter-final win for the Netherlands over Argentina.

Milik admits he is still learning the striker's trade. He has found the net only once at Euro 2016 and has squandered a number of chances.

Ronaldo also had a slow start in France before scoring a memorable brace in Portugal's 3-3 draw with Hungary. The Real Madrid star now needs one goal to match Michel Platini's record of scoring nine goals in European Championship finals matches.

"I'm not hiding that it was only a few years ago that I was trying to learn from Cristiano Ronaldo as much as I could," Milik said Wednesday through an interpreter. "Players like that you need to follow and take some inspiration from. He's an example of hard work. It's not just talent, you need to work hard — he's a great example of that."

Arkadiusz Milik and Cristiano Ronaldo GETTY IMAGES

Milik insisted he wouldn't be star-struck at playing against the Real Madrid star on Thursday night as Portugal and Poland battle for a spot in the Euro 2016 semifinals.

"It's great that there's a chance for us to meet on the football pitch," he said. "But of course I will try to focus on me and my team and not look up at him."

The match will give hard-working Milik a chance to add to his tally of just one goal so far in the tournament and silence critics who have accused him of missing too many goal scoring opportunities.

"There were some chances and maybe I didn't have that cold blood in front of the goal," he conceded. "But I'm sure I have the skills to finish it off next time." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **"You have to win and I want to win. If we have to play badly every game and win, I'll do it.**
> Portugal centre-back Jose Fonte whose side beat a solid Croatia team 1-0 Saturday, but didn't register a single shot on target until deep into extra time.

TACTICS

Santos wary of transition

Poland's pace is the main concern for Portugal coach Fernando Santos heading into their quarter-final match in Marseille.

With its main striker Robert Lewandowski failing to score so far, Poland has relied on its defence and quick counter-attacks to carry the team into the last eight.

Santos said he has warned his side of Poland's ability to "go from defence to attack every fast.

"They are a very balanced team. I don't think they resemble any team we have played so far," Santos said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

QUARTER-FINAL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
Poland vs. Portugal
FRIDAY
Wales vs. Belgium
SATURDAY
Germany vs. Italy
SUNDAY
France vs. Iceland

LPGA

Teenager Henderson happy to spend Canada Day in Portland

Brooke Henderson has come a long way since her win last year in Portland.

Back then she didn't even have LPGA Tour status. She was a Monday qualifier for the Portland Classic, urged to try for a spot in the field by her older sister.

She went on to become just the second Monday qualifier to win an LPGA event, and she did it in decisive fashion, winning by eight strokes.

She was just 17 years old.

"It's definitely been an incredible 18 months, turning pro at 17 and then didn't have status on the LPGA tour, and was trying to play my way into events and just trying to see what would happen," Henderson said. "I really took the best advantage of the opportunities I was given and I won here last year, which really changed my whole career."

Brooke Henderson GETTY IMAGES

The Smiths Falls, Ont., native has since climbed her way up the rankings, reaching No. 2. She's third on the money list this year. And she's got a major win — she won the Women's PGA Championship two weeks ago by defeating top-ranked Lydia Ko in a playoff.

Ko opted out of Portland.

With her Portland win last year, Henderson became the third-youngest champion in LPGA Tour history at 17 years, 11 months, and six days.

"It was definitely a huge stepping stone for me," Henderson said. "Right afterward I did try to soak it all in. Then I moved right into the Canadian Open, where it was a huge celebration all over Canada with Canadian fans and that was really cool. It definitely was a huge accomplishment here and I hope that maybe this year I'll win by nine." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Pace first LPGA player to pull out of Rio due to Zika

Lee-Anne Pace of South Africa has withdrawn her name from consideration for her nation's Olympic team out of concern about the Zika virus.

Pace, ranked No. 38th in the world, is the first player on the LPGA tour to cite Zika for sitting out of the Rio Games. CREDIT LINE

Phelps onto fifth Games

Michael Phelps is heading back to the Olympics.

So is Missy Franklin.

Phelps, the most decorated athlete in Olympic history, held off a stiff challenge from Tom Shields to win the 200-metre butterfly at the U.S. swimming trials Wednesday night in Omaha, Neb.

Yep, it's Olympics No. 5, making him the first male swimmer to compete in that many Summer Games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Black, Onyshko, Rogers named Canada gymnasts

Ellie Black of Halifax, Isabela Onyhsko of Brandon, Man., and Brittany Rogers of Coquitlam, B.C., were named to the Canada's Olympic gymnastics team on Wednesday after the second day of the Rio selection camp.

The three athletes were nominated to the team based on points they had accumulated at several competitions over the last few months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pistons send Meeks to Fla.

The Detroit Pistons have traded guard Jodie Meeks to the Orlando Magic for a 2019 conditional second-round draft pick.

The 28-year-old Meeks played in only three games in 2015-16 after fracturing the fifth metatarsal in his right foot in the second game of the season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Husbands to ride Gamble's Ghost at Woodbine Sunday

Patrick Husbands is happy to take Luis Contreras's leftovers.

Husbands will ride Gamble's Ghost in the $1-million Queen's Plate on Sunday at Woodbine Racetrack. Contreras is the filly's regular rider but will be aboard early 3-1 favourite Amis Gizmo, who Contreras guided to victory in the $150,000 Plate Trial on June 12. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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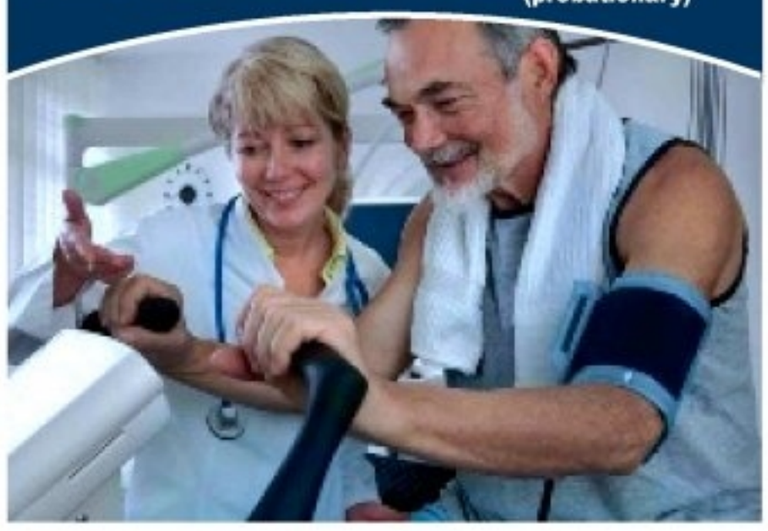

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We not only love chicken thighs because they're a more cost effective protein but because they also cook up fast and love to soak up the flavor of this one-pot wonder's Dijon mustard and apple cider sauce.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

Ingredients
- 6 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp oil
- 1 minced shallot
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Generously season chicken with salt and pepper.

2. Add oil to a large oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and cook for 10 minutes

3. Transfer the skillet to the oven. Roast until chicken is cooked through, about 6-8 minutes.

4. Transfer chicken to a platter. Return skillet to medium heat and add shallots and garlic; cook for about 1 minute. Whisk in Dijon mustard, apple cider, broth and a bit more salt and pepper; cook for about 3 minutes. Return chicken to skillet along with juices that have settled on the platter to rewarm. Serve with our favourite sides.

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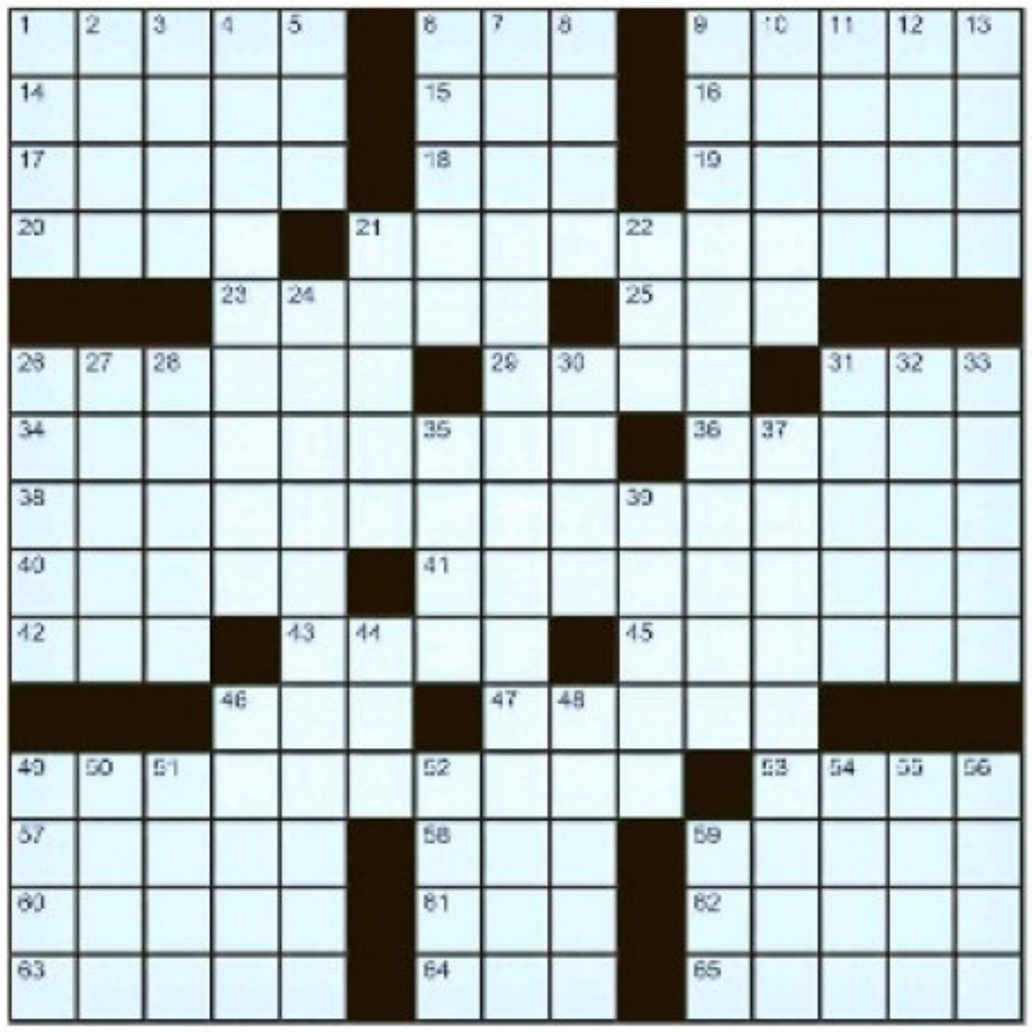

ACROSS
1. Uncomplicated tune
6. Gladiator's 1550
9. Sherwood Forest's Tuck
14. American state
15. A-U link
16. Beach dance/game
17. Sea nymph
18. 1979 New Wave hit "Cars" singer ...his initials-sharers
19. Stave off
20. 'And', e.g.
21. Collectively cooperative
23. Coeur d'_ (City in #14-Across)
25. Auction ware
26. Driver's 'green' ride
29. Ms. Moreno
31. Swab-of-saliva scientific stuff
34. American comedy star who co-starred with Canadian comedy star Leslie Nielsen in "The Reluctant Astronaut" (1967): 2 wds.
36. 'Exped' ender (Explorer's excursion)
38. Looming presence in "The Shallows" (2016) starring Blake Lively: 3 wds.
40. Perspective
41. Worked up
42. Shag rug
43. Eternal City
45. Bed, upon rising
46. Toy-made dessert, _-Cone
47. Like some marsh-growing plants
49. Charlottetown, 'The _ of Confederation'
53. Dog in Beetle Bailey
57. Gaming legend
58. Vancouver International Airport's code
59. Bow and _
60. Rose's one-of-some
61. Romanian currency
62. Helmet protectee
63. Fishing net
64. Ambulance destinations, commonly
65. Stability providers at sea

DOWN
1. 'D' of CD
2. Prefix to 'syncrasy' (Mannerism)
3. Mountain lake
4. Thriller, "The Day of _ _" (1973)
5. Poet's 'far'
6. FOX News anchor Ms. Kelly
7. Package of prechopped vegetables for the home cook, _ _-_
8. Recede
9. Patriotic action across Canada on July 1st: 2 wds.
10. Rosie's WWII prop
11. "How _ _ Your Mother"
12. Hillside dugout shelter
13. US campus mil. program
21. Goat-antelope of Japan
22. Informer, to criminals
24. 1937 Lucy Maud Montgomery novel, Jane of _ _
26. Artist Mr. Degas
27. Hokey
28. Big lake of Russia
30. 1958: "To Know Him _ _ Love Him" by The Teddy Bears
31. Huntress of Roman myth
32. U.S.-Canadian airspace protection org.
33. Common sports injury site
35. Not us
37. Radiohead lead singer: 2 wds.
39. Chopin musical piece
44. Alley _ (Classic comic strip)
46. Summery hat material
48. Beiges
49. Gig for New Testament preacher John, briefly
50. Old Roman road
51. _-_-tat-tat
52. Country singer Mr. Lovett
54. Loyal
55. Cost
56. Graduation cap birds
59. Call upon

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today starts out with financial promise and good feelings at work. However, issues at home and with family members will be intense and emotional. Caution.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You're in a good mood this morning, because the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter. Just remember to keep things mellow, especially when talking to siblings and relatives. (People are demanding.)

Gemini May 22 - June 21
On the whole, this is a feel-good day when dealing with others. However, disputes about money and possessions might arise, especially if jealousy is in the picture.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Relations with others, especially romantic relationships, will be passionate and intense today. Some of you will fall in love with someone because it's simply irresistible. (Cary Grant, where are you?)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You make a great impression on bosses and authority figures today. Do not let something brewing behind the scenes mar your good judgment.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you can travel today, you will enjoy doing so. Meanwhile, relationships with a friend might feel super-important today. Take it easy; this is a passing thing.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Be diplomatic talking to parents, bosses and the police today, because issues seem to be do or die — very important. Don't let your passions make you forget your main objective.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Be cooperative with others today because the Moon is opposite your sign; you have no choice. It would be wise to avoid controversial subjects.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Disputes about shared property, inheritances and anything you own jointly with others will be intense today. Likewise, any romantic involvement will be intense! (That's putting it mildly.)

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Obscure conflicts might arise today between you and your partner or close friend. Be careful not to let hidden resentments flare up and ruin a good relationship.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A work-related romance or crush might begin for some of you today. If so, this new relationship will be compulsive in nature. Oh yeah.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a hot and heavy day for romantic partners. However, creative, artistic people will feel just as passionate about whatever it is they're doing.

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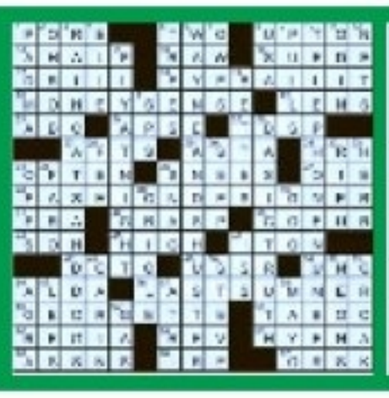

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